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**EXPORT OF BIRDS (INCLUDING PIGEONS) TO KUWAIT**

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CERTIFYING VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTER**

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

This certificate may be used for the export of birds (including pigeons) to Kuwait.

2. **IDENTIFICATION**

When the space in the bird identification section of the certificate is insufficient to accommodate details of all birds in the consignment, a separate schedule may be used to identify the birds certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in the identification section of the certificate, which should be annotated "see attached schedule". The certifying OV must draw a line under the last entry and sign, date and affix the OV stamp in a colour other than black on each page of the schedule and under the last entry, in order to prevent the unauthorised addition of more entries. The pages of the schedule must be firmly stapled to the export health certificate and each referenced with the reference number of the particular export health certificate at the top right-hand corner. The corners of each sheet should be turned over, 'fanned' and stamped with the OV stamp. If sex and age of the birds are known they should be entered in the certificate or schedule.

3. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

**Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland**

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: [certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk](mailto:certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk).

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OV's are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

**DAERA Export Health Certificates: Provision of certified copies**

aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the department, where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

4. **IMPORT PERMIT**

An import permit must be obtained before the birds are exported from the following address: The General Authority for Agriculture & Fish Resources Affairs, Animal Health Department, PO Box 21422, Safat, Kuwait. This permit must accompany the animal. Failure to comply with any stipulated condition can lead to refusal of entry.

Consignments imported by air must obtain approval from the Animal Health Department 48 hours before the aircraft arrives so that the Civil Aviation Administration can be notified.

5. **CLINICAL INSPECTION**

The inspection at paragraph IV a) must be carried out within 48 hours of the intended date of export.

6. **PRE-EXPORT ISOLATION**

Paragraph IV. b) refers. In order to certify that the birds have spent at least 21 days in the isolation quarters, the OV must visit and inspect the premises at the beginning of that period, and check and record the identity of each of the birds in isolation.

The OV must approve the isolation quarters on behalf of the Department. Kuwait does not lay down the criteria for approval of the isolation facility, and the OV must therefore use his/her discretion to apply the generally accepted standards of biosecurity. Specifically, access to the birds must be limited to named attendants only, and these attendants must not have contact with any birds outside the isolation facility during the isolation period. Access by all other birds and animals must be impossible. Separate equipment and utensils must be kept exclusively for use with the birds in isolation. Separate overalls should be kept for the attendants to put on at the entrance to the isolation facility, and foot dips should be

used at the entrance/exit of the facility.

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV. c) refers. This paragraph may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent by the APHA Centre for International Trade or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

8. **C.I.T.E.S.**

This certificate does not provide exemption from other formalities laid down specifically for the protection of certain wild species e.g. C.I.T.E.S. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Department of the Environment at the address given below:

Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (WLRS)  
Zone 1/17, Temple Quay House,  
2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB

Tel: 0117 372 8774 Fax: 0117 372 8206

9. **WELFARE**

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team  
Centre for International Trade  
Eden Bridge House  
Lowther Street, Carlisle  
CA3 8DX  
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301  
E-mail: [WIT@apha.gov.uk](mailto:WIT@apha.gov.uk)

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

10. **DISCLAIMER**

This certificate is provided on the basis of information available at the time, and may not necessarily comply fully with the requirements of the importing country. It is the exporter's responsibility to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country. If these do not match, the exporter should contact the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

DAERA - Email: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)