

EXPORT OF MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS OF BOVINE ORIGIN TO BARBADOS 6878EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6878EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6878EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 6878EHC may be used for the export of beef, beef preparations and beef products derived from **bovine animals born/reared in the UK on or after 01/08/2001** from the United Kingdom to Barbados.

2. 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.

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 OVs 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.

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

No consignment will be allowed entry unless an import permit has first been obtained from the Government of Barbados.

4. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph 9.1 can be certified on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

5. **BSE REQUIREMENTS**

Paragraph 9.2: At time of writing, the UK is regarded as having a controlled BSE risk in accordance with Chapter 11.4. of the Terrestrial Code. The current status can be found on the following website:

<http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/bse/list-of-bse-risk-status/>

Paragraph 9.3: The feed ban was effectively applied in the UK since 1 August 1996, but because this ban did not come into force in the rest of the EU until 2001, Barbados is concerned that some contaminated feed/feed ingredients could have been moved into the UK from the rest of the EU and UK animals exposed to this contamination. Therefore, only meat from animals born on or after 1 August 2001 will be accepted and the OV must ensure that only such meat is certified.

Paragraph 9.5: This can be certified on the basis of the **EU/UK** food hygiene legislation which requires an ante-mortem inspection of the animals.

Paragraph 9.6: This can be signed on the basis of the **EU/UK** food hygiene and TSE legislation.

Paragraph 9.7: This can be signed on the basis of the **EU/UK** TSE legislation; the EU list is more extensive than the list in OIE Code Chapter on BSE.

6. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE UK/EU FOOD HYGIENE LEGISLATION**

Paragraphs 9.8 and 9.9 refer. These may be signed on the basis of the EU oval mark, which indicates compliance with the EU/UK food hygiene legislation. All food establishment approved by the FSA under the food hygiene legislation are deemed to be approved for export to Barbados.

However, exporters must ensure that the establishment(s) is/are listed on the FSA website beforehand:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/sectorrules/meatplantsprems/meatpremlcence>
(for meat) or

<https://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/approved-premises-official-controls/sectorrules>
(for products).

7. **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