

**ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT TO
NEW ZEALAND - 8150EHC**

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8150EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8150EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Certificate 8150EHC may be used for export of the following commodities derived from sheep and goats only from the UK to New Zealand.

Meat derived from any other species must not be exported to New Zealand using this certificate.

The commodities are identified with an 'AN Number', which must be entered onto the certificate immediately below the certificate title and reference number, together with the name and description of the product to be exported.

AN Number	Name of Product
4A.1	Fresh meat as defined in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. Includes minced meat and unprocessed (fresh) blood/bones/fat for human consumption.
5A.1	Meat preparations from fresh meat
6A.1	Meat products derived from fresh meat
7B.1	Processed bones and bone products for human consumption
7C.1	Processed animal protein for human consumption
7D.1	Blood and blood products for human consumption

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. SCHEDULES

A separate schedule may be used to identify the commodities certified. The schedule must contain the same information in the same order as in Parts I (a) – (c) of the certificate. Part I must be annotated 'See attached schedule'. Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the OV.

The schedule must be stapled to the health certificate and the OV
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should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or certificate must be deleted with diagonal lines.

4. UK/NZ EQUIVALENCE AGREEMENT

Part IV may be certified on the basis of compliance with UK requirements which have been deemed equivalent to New Zealand standards.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH EU HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Parts IV and V of the certificate may be certified on the basis of the oval mark confirming compliance with UK Hygiene Regulations together with above-mentioned UK/NZ equivalence agreement.

The primary food legislation providing the framework for all food legislation in England, Wales and Scotland is The Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended) and, in Northern Ireland, The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

Enforcement of the EU Hygiene Regulations is provided through secondary legislation in England by The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended) and parallel legislation in Wales and Scotland. In Northern Ireland it is provided by The Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Section II.e.ii and the first paragraph of section V can be certified by the OV if the following applies:

For UK origin products - including those prepared containing EU products

- directly exported to NZ;

- I. The UK has not imposed any sanitary measures expressly to manage known animal health/food safety risks or hazards which would restrict the products' sale or distribution within the UK.
- II. The products were derived from animals and farms that are not subject to animal disease control measures being applied by the UK competent authority. Animal disease in this context means an exotic disease or a disease listed in Annex III of the UK/NZ Vet Agreement.
- III. For EU product the EU has not applied any sanitary measures which would prohibit the sale or distribution of the product within the EU. Sanitary measures in this context means a Commission Decision (or other legal instrument) authored/instigated by SANTE to expressly manage known animal health/food safety risks or hazards.

This clause includes EU exports to the UK that are subsequently re-exported - directly or after processing and/or mixing within UK origin product - to New Zealand.

This clause can be signed by the OV if it meets the above requirements based on the OV's knowledge of the exporting business and documentary checks.

6. ORIGIN OF ANIMALS FROM WHICH THE EXPORTED MEAT IS DERIVED

OVs must accordingly obtain details of the country(ies) in which the animals were born, reared and slaughtered. Health or other identification marks, commercial documentation, and import documentation for meat originating from other countries should provide some of this information, as well as import documentation accompanying imports of live animals.

OVs may also wish to obtain written declarations from the FBO and/or exporter confirming that the conditions of this paragraph have been met for the exported goods.

For part II (e):

Where meat is derived/partly derived from product imported into the UK this section must be completed.

Where this is not the case, this section should be deleted.

II. e. iii can be certified on the basis that there is an existing import health standard between the country of origin and New Zealand.

See [All import health standards | NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz) or contact the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries for further information.

For part V:

Where meat is derived from animals born, reared and slaughtered in the EU/UK the "or" paragraph (second option) should be deleted. The meat should be compliant with the relevant TSE requirements specified in Regulation 999/2001, which is directly referenced in Regulation 1069/2009 regarding Specified Risk Material removal from meat. This can be certified based on the implementation of the UK TSE Regulations.

Where meat is derived from animals born, reared and slaughtered in a country other than the EU/UK the "either" paragraph (first option) should be deleted, and the name of the country should be entered. The meat should be compliant with the relevant TSE requirements specified in Regulation 999/2001, which is directly referenced in Regulation 1069/2009 regarding Specified Risk Material removal from meat. The OV can obtain the Import Health Certificate that accompanied the product to UK, to verify compliance to relevant requirements in Regulation 999/2001 to certify this attestation.

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>

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