

EXPORT OF PET CARE PRODUCTS TO SOUTH KOREA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR THE EXPORTER AND OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6356EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6356EHC. 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 6356EHC may be used for the export of pet care products to South Korea. The certificate has been agreed by Korea on the basis that the products are neither nutritional nor pharmaceutical, and are therefore classified as non-veterinary. If manufacturers are introducing a new product to the market they are advised to contact the Korean authorities to make sure that each new product is accepted on the same basis. If several products are being exported together, a separate certificate must be completed for each product.

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.

4. **PREMISES OF MANUFACTURE**

Paragraph II (b) refers. If the manufacturing plant is not a food production or veterinary product plant, it may be necessary to quote another number issued by the local authority or other official body under legislation which is not primarily concerned with the production of food or veterinary items.

5. **MANUFACTURER'S STATEMENT**

Paragraph IV (a) refers. The written statement should not be attached to the certificate, but should be kept by the OV for record purposes.

The manufacturer's declaration must use exactly the same wording as the health certificate. It must be signed by an appropriate and responsible representative of the manufacturer, or by the manufacturer himself/herself.

6. **BSE CONTROLS**

Paragraph IV (b) refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis that these are requirements of the TSE legislation (Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as transposed into national legislation), and the UK competent authorities (Defra and the Devolved Administrations, the Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland) ensure compliance with the legislation.

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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