

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR EXPORTERS AND OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS - 7006NFG

IMPORTANT

Exporters and Official Veterinarians (OVs) are advised that the conditions for export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China (PRC) are complex and demanding. Clearances for certain non-notifiable diseases such as PRRS on premises of origin are not straight forward and special procedures have been introduced to facilitate these declarations.

Well in advance of exports taking place, exporters and certifying OVs must become familiar with these notes for guidance and all associated documents. In the event of any questions, they are advised to contact the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) by email at product.exports@apha.gsi.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301 or DAERA in Northern Ireland at VS.Implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or by phone at 028 90520931.

In an attempt to simplify the procedures, these notes 7006NFG have been split into five separate parts as follows:

- 7006NFG - Part 1: Introduction and General Principles (read first)
- 7006NFG - Part 2: Farm Assurances
- 7006NFG - Part 3: Slaughterhouses and cutting plants
- 7006NFG - Part 4: Standalone cutting plants
- 7006NFG - Part 5: Final certification at exporting cold stores (this document)
- 7006NFG - Flow diagram of export chain

Associated Documents

- The Protocol for veterinary and health requirements for export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China, the UK-China Trotters Protocol and Standard Operational Procedures for Trotters (included in 7006NFG - Part 1);
- 7006ANNA - PAS quarterly veterinary food chain information (FCI) and health declaration for herds of origin;
- 7006ANNB - Owner/manager FCI declaration to slaughterhouse operator;
- 7006ANNC - Owner manager support declaration for veterinarians completing 7006ANNA;
- 1734IMC - Internal movement certificate;
- 7006EXA - Guidance on completion of the interactive pre-certificate (application for export/EHC to CSC Carlisle or DAERA).

These five parts and all other associated documents may be downloaded from the website of the United Kingdom Export Certification Partnership (UKECP) via the following link: www.ukecp.com/export-health-certificates. The documents can be found using the search parameters 'China', 'meat' and

'porcine'.

Alternatively, these can be found at the [EHC finder](#) page in GOV.UK from APHA CSC or DAERA upon request.

7006NFG – PART 5: FINAL CERTIFICATION AT EXPORTING COLD STORES

1. INTRODUCTION

These notes are intended for exporters and certifying OV's in a PRC-approved cold store from where the consignment will be dispatched to its final destination in the PRC. They must be read in conjunction with 7006NFG Part 1: Introduction and General Principles; and the 7006EXA: Guidance document on completion of the interactive pre-certificate (application for export/EHC to CSC Carlisle or DAERA).

Certifying OV's in cutting plants are required to provide support documentation in the form of an Internal Movement Certificate (IMC), confirming that the consignment of meat meets PRC requirements in full. This support document enables the OV in the premises of despatch to sign final export health certificate 7006EHC.

2. ADVANCE PROVISION OF SPECIMEN COPIES OF OV SIGNATURES AND STAMPS

The PRC requires that all OV's carrying out export certification must first provide specimen copies of their signatures and stamps to China before exports take place. Signatures must be linked to the cold store of despatch. Specimen copies of stamps and signatures of alternative OV's should also be provided to allow for absences such as sickness and holidays. However, at present PRC will only permit a maximum of three (3) OV's per cold store at any one time.

If additions or modifications are required, OV's should submit the details on the form at **Annex 1** to these notes. The form should be scanned and sent by e-mail to the APHA CSC Carlisle for plants in GB and to DAERA for plants in NI for onward transmission to the PRC. Updates to the list will be sent to China at intervals of 6 months and, on each occasion, several weeks should be allowed for the information to be processed by the authorities in China and forwarded to ports. Additional ad hoc requests may also be accepted, but this cannot be guaranteed. Exporters should therefore plan ahead and ensure any likely changes or additions to their OV's details are communicated well in advance. Consignments may be at risk if exports commence before the authorities in the PRC have received and confirmed that the updated specimen signatures and stamps can be used. Defra will inform APHA/DAERA of the effective date of implementation of the updated versions of the table with OV specimen signatures and stamps.

Please see further guidance on entering the OV name, stamp and signature in the final certificate at Section 6 (Notes on completion of 7006EHC) below.

3. SCOPE OF EXPORTS TO THE PRC

Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG.

4. **USE OF INTERNAL MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES (IMCs) FOR MOVEMENTS BETWEEN PREMISES OF PRC EXPORT ELIGIBLE MEAT:**

The OV at the supplying cutting plant must complete a copy of an Internal Movement Certificate (IMC) for downstream movement of each consignment of meat intended for export to the PRC (form **7006IMC** or similar document). The OV at the cutting plant must give each IMC a unique reference number which should consist of the plant approval number followed by the date of slaughter and a sequential number e.g.: UK1234EC/21.03.19/05 or 1234/21.03.19/05 from 1 November 2020. **(See 7006EXA and guidance document and Section 5 below of this document for more information on new approval/registration number format with effect from 1 November 2020.**

The paper copy of the 7006IMC can be handwritten - information does not have to be typed but the details must be clearly legible and unambiguous.

The OV at the cold store must retain all copies of IMCs received from supplying premises for a period of at least one year after the date of export.

5. **APPROVAL OF MEAT PLANTS AND COLD STORES TO EXPORT TO THE PRC**

All slaughterhouses, cutting premises, manufacturing premises and cold stores intending to export eligible pork and pig meat products to PRC require specific inspection and approval prior to export taking place.

Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG for full details on procedures for premises approvals AND the **7006EXA** guidance document for approval/registration format with effect from 1 November 2020.

A list of premises specifically approved for export to the PRC is included in **Annex 2** of this document and at the UKECP website. The list will be updated as required. The list is also available on GACCS website <https://ciferquery.singlewindow.cn/>

The establishments present in the supply chain for exporting pork and pig products to PRC must be eligible, at the time of certification, to export to PRC and be linked in the associations list included in annex 3.

***** IMPORTANT *** REFERENCES TO APPROVAL NUMBERS FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2020**

The UK has reached an agreement with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (**GACC**) to update the details of the approval numbers of all UK establishments requiring listing with China. **With effect from 1 November 2020** the approval/registration numbers for establishments listed to export pork to China will cease to have references to UK and EC. From that time, approval/registration numbers will include **the central unique identifier number ONLY** [four numerical digits for abattoirs (under FSA/FSS/DAERA control) - or - five/six alpha-numerical digits for cold stores (where under local authority approval)].

The format of the approval/registration number including the UK affix and the EC suffix shall continue to be used and entered in Sections

II (a), (b) and (c) of 7006EHC export health certificates signed before and up to 31 October 2020.

The format of the approval/registration number without the UK affix and the EC suffix shall be used and entered in Sections II (a), (b) and (c) of 7006EHC export health certificates signed after 31 October 2020.

Illustrative examples:

Format to be used in export health certificates SIGNED <i>BEFORE</i> 1 November 2020	Format to be used in export health certificates SIGNED <i>AFTER</i> 31 October 2020
UK 2090 EC	2090
UK AB123 EC	AB123

Consignments certified before 1 November 2020 (which must contain UK and EC references in the approval/registration number) will be accepted for import to China upon arrival within a crossover period of 2 months after 31 October 2020.

THE NEW FORMAT APPLICABLE FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2020 MUST BE USED IN ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPORTS OF PORK TO CHINA, INCLUDING IN INTERNAL MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES SIGNED FROM THAT DATE (7006IMC - Section II refers).

The PRC authorities will expect that the details of the establishments entered onto the certificate are both correct, consistent and in accordance with their own records of approved establishments. Approval numbers, and other details, should exactly match the details as listed on the [GACC website](#):

The new listing by GACC replaces the previous listings by CNCA and does not contain the name and addresses of the establishments.

These can still be checked by exporters and OVs at **Annex 2** of this guidance document.

Health/ID marking of products: GACC will accept consignments of product bearing either the current format of oval health/ID marks (with UK and EC) or any other acceptable format prescribed by the UK authorities following the UK's exit from the EU. Some consignments might contain a mix of products which each might bear different health/ID marks (see advice at the 7006EXA guidance document on completion of section III (1) of the 7006EHC on "Shipping marks"). Products will be identified as originating from the final establishment of production by cross-reference with the central unique identifier number of the establishment in the oval mark/stamp of the product.

Export of Trotters to the PRC

Exporters and OVs are reminded that additional premises approval is required for the export of trotters to the PRC. Under no circumstances can export of trotters take place from premises that are not so approved. Operators of approved premises are required to meet the conditions laid down in the document entitled '*Standard Operating Procedures for the export of trotters to the People's Republic of China*', which is included as an Annex in 7006NFG - Part 1.

When completing final export certification for trotters, OVs at the cold store must carry out the necessary checks to ensure that the premises where the trotters intended for export were processed and packaged is listed as approved for export of trotters to the PRC.

Only those premises indicated as such in Annex 2 of this document are approved for the export of trotters.

6. NOTES ON COMPLETION OF 7006EHC

Certifying OVs at export cold stores must note that unauthorised deletions or manuscript amendments to 7006EHC are not permitted. The only permitted handwritten entry is the signature of the OV. The date of certification must be entered using an inked rubber stamp. **The OV signature and the date stamp must be made ink of any colour other than black.**

The details of the OV must exactly match the information supplied in the completed Annex 1 for the specimen OV stamp and signature. This also includes the Official Veterinarian name. Entering additional information, e.g. title or qualifications/registrations (including M/F RCVS) of the OV alongside the name in the 7006EHC certificate is not acceptable. Any certificates containing details/information of the OV at the signature section not matching those/that of the completed template supplied by the OV to APHA or DAERA for submission to P.R. China will likely result in consignments being detained on arrival to China.

OVs and exporters should note that they have the final responsibility to ensure that the details on the completed certificates are correct. Due to the complexity of the conditions, it is recommended that such checks should be carried out sufficiently in advance of the date of export to enable any changes that may be required. The PRC authorities will expect that the details of the establishments entered onto the certificate are correct and consistent.

7. **OFFICIAL VETERINARY DECLARATION - CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL**

Part V of 7006EHC refers. Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG for a description of The Protocol and the relevant Articles. For the purposes of certification of exports of pig meat, Articles 4 - 10 refer.

Articles 1 and 2 and Articles 11 - 16 may be certified by the OV on the basis of information already supplied to AQSIQ (now GACC) by the UK competent authorities, together with operating and administrative procedures described in these Articles as agreed between Defra and AQSIQ (now GACC).

Article 3 - Official Disease Clearances

Article 3 of The Protocol may be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) at Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

Articles 4(a), 4(b) and 4(c) - UK origin of the animals and premises of origin freedom from specified diseases

The above conditions may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse/cutting plant confirming that the consignment complies with the import conditions of the PRC.

Article 5 - approval of premises exporting to the PRC

All establishments in the export supply chain must hold prior approval to export to the PRC. This may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse/cutting plant. All establishments in the supply chain must also be linked via the associations list as included in annex 3.

Article 6 - compliance with UK Hygiene Regulations / fitness for human consumption

The EU legislation mentioned in this document and that the UK is complying with will be incorporated into our UK law as "retained EU law" under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 upon the UK exit from the EU. References and compliance with the EU law and the correspondent UK law enacted under the Withdrawal Act should be deemed as equivalent.

Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of Article 6 may be certified on the basis of the oval mark and evidence that the slaughterhouse, cutting plant, meat products plant (if applicable) and cold store are officially approved by Local Authorities and operating in accordance with Regulations (EC) Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004 and, in the case of microbiological criteria, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2073/2005.

With regard to residue levels, paragraph (c) of Article 6 may be certified on the basis of the results of the national surveillance scheme for residues, to which all approved meat establishments are subjected. In the UK, the national surveillance scheme implements Council Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC. The HACCP requirements in Regulation (EC) 852/2004 (Article 5) also places an obligation on all approved meat establishments to ensure compliance with these Directives.

The above Directives are transposed into national legislation by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015 and parallel legislation in the devolved administrations of Wales and Northern Ireland.

For the purposes of this certificate OVs should note that residue limits as stipulated by the UK competent authorities and AQSIO (now GACC) are regarded as equivalent.

Article 7 - segregation of slaughter for non-eligible animals and provision of a dedicated area for storage

The requirement for segregation pre- and post-slaughter and during preliminary processing may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse/cutting plants confirming that the consignment complies with the import conditions of the PRC.

All PRC export-eligible meat must be processed, wrapped and packaged separately from other meat not eligible for export to the PRC.

In order to ensure PRC's requirements for traceability and segregation, meat eligible for export to PRC must be clearly identified throughout the entire export chain.

The certifying OV at the exporting cold store must be fully familiar with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for segregation/separation. These written procedures must explain how this requirement is achieved and maintained in the cold store from the intake of meat to despatch.

Articles 8 and 9 - wrapping, packaging and storage of exported goods

Please refer to the relevant Articles of the Protocol for a description of labelling, packaging and storage details.

8. ELECTRONIC PRE-CERTIFICATION

The Official Veterinarians (OV) providing final certification for consignments to PRC are required to submit a weekly notification which should include all relevant data for any certificate signed by the OV for the previous week.

In GB, the OV must submit the electronic table to product.exports@apha.gsi.gov.uk before 12pm each Monday.

In Northern Ireland, the OV must submit the electronic table to the vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk mailbox before 11am each Monday. Data entry must be accurate, in the agreed format and match the consignment details otherwise acceptance from the Chinese authorities may not be granted. The OV is responsible for ensuring that all data submitted is correct and APHA cannot be held responsible if a consignment is held or delayed if inaccurate data has been provided. APHA send all notification tables to the CIQ for their approval. A template copy of the weekly notification table can be supplied by contacting product.exports@apha.gsi.gov.uk.

AMENDMENTS TO NOTIFICATIONS

On occasion it may be required to amend the details on a notification for changes that occur when the consignment is in transit, e.g. a change in consignee. When a change is required the certifying OV must submit a table using the same template as the initial notification, only to include the row pertaining to the consignment which has changed. Each column should be completed to give full information of the consignment, and **the details which differ** from the original notification must be **highlighted** by having the font in **red text**.

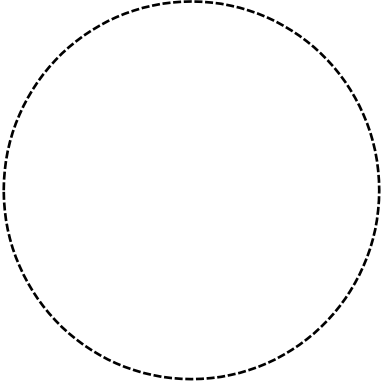
The notification of amendments should be sent by the OV on an ad hoc basis as and when required, to the same email address as per the weekly notification. APHA will forward the details to CIQ for their approval. CIQ will reference the original notification and make alterations based on the amended details shown by red text.

9. DISCLAIMER

These notes are provided on the basis of information available at the time. It is the exporter's responsibility to check the information against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country.

For further advice exporters should contact the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) Carlisle at product.exports@apha.gsi.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301 or DAERA in Northern Ireland at VS.Implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or by phone at 028 90520931.

Annex 1

List of United Kingdom Official Veterinarians authorised to provide export health certification for the export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China 已获授权签发输华猪肉出口卫生证书的英国官方兽医名单	
Name and Address of Plant including registration number (please type) 企业名称和地址，包括注册号 (请打字)	
Official Veterinarian Name (please type) 官方兽医姓名 (请打字)	
Signature 签字	
OV Stamp 官方兽医印章	

Annex 2 - UK establishments approved for export of fresh pig meat to China

All plants approved to export pork to China, and any alterations to that approval are on GACC's website; <https://cifquerquery.singlewindow.cn/>

注册编号 Approval No. to be entered in 7006EHC certificates	企业名称 Name of Plant	企业地址 Address of Plant	生产方式 Activities	Trotters ? Y/N

1.	2060SIGNED	KARRO Food Ltd	Hugden Way, Norton Grove Industrial Estate, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 9HG	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant	Yes
2.	4175	Pilgrim's Pride Ltd	George Henry Road, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7BZ	分割 Cutting plant	No
3.	4085	Pilgrim's Pride Ltd	Bow Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire SK16 4HY	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant	Yes
4.	5213	Cranswick Country Foods, Norfolk	Brandon Road, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6LW	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant	Yes
5.	5091	Pilgrim's Pride Ltd	Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 6EP	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse, Cutting	Yes
6.	2093	Cranswick Country Foods	Staites Road, Preston, Hull HU12 8TB	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse, Cutting	Yes
7.	9052	KARRO Food Ltd.	70 Molesworth Road, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone BT80 8PJ	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant	Yes
8.	9045	Cranswick Country Foods (Ballymena)	146 Fenaghy Road, Cullybackey, Co. Antrim, BT42 1EA	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant	Yes

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9.	9028SIGNED	Interfrigo Ltd.	Unit 12, Steeple Industrial Estate, Co. Antrim BT41 1AB	冷藏 Cold store	N/A
10.	NE028	Magnavale Chesterfield Ltd	Magnavale House, Park Road, Holmewood Industrial Park, Holmewood, Chesterfield, Derbyshire	冷藏 Cold store	N/A
11.	LI 036	Bowman Stores Ltd.	Marsh Road, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 6HA	冷藏 Cold store	N/A
12.	9022	Granville Food Care Ltd.	Unit 4, Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone BT70 1NJ	冷藏 Cold store	N/A
13.	AO011	Turners Soham Ltd.	Fordham Road, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 7NR	冷藏 Cold store	N/A
14.	WX7158	Thermotraffic Ltd.	Ash Road South, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham LL13	冷藏 Cold store	N/A

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15.	XA007SIGNED	ABP Hull Cold Store	Corporation Road, King George Dock, Hull, East Yorkshire HU9 5NF	冷藏 Cold store	N/A
16.	DL005	Thermotraffic Ltd.	Pedmore Road, Brierly Hill, Dudley, West Midlands, DY5 1LJ	冷藏 Cold store	N/A
17	8061	Pilgrim's Pride Ltd	Oakleigh Green, Westerleigh, Bristol BS37 8QZ	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse, e Cutting plant	Yes
18	1136	Quality Pork Processors Limited	Montrose Road, Brechin DD9 7PL	屠宰、分割 Slaughterhouse , Cuttin	Yes
19	9064	Ardboe Cold Store Ltd	Ardboe Business Park, Kilmascally Road, Ardboe BT71 5BJ	g 冷藏 Cold store	N/A
20	SR 020	Magnavale Chesterfield Ltd	Phase 6, Cupola Way, Scunthorpe DN15 9YJ	冷藏 Cold store	N/A
21	ZU 027	AGRO Merchants Lurgan Ltd	66 Silverwood Road, Lurgan Co Armagh BT66 6LN	冷藏 Cold store	N/A

Annex 3 - Associations List

Correlation list for UK pork establishments 英国输华猪肉 企业对应关系		
Abattoirs China reg.no. 屠宰企业 注册编号	Cutting plants China reg.no 分割企业注册编号	Cold stores China reg.no 冷库注册编号
4085	4175, 4085, 5091, 1136, 8061	NE028, LI036, AO011, DL005, WX7158, SR020
5091	4175, 4085, 5091, 1136, 8061	NE028, LI036, AO011, DL005, WX7158, SR020
1136	4175, 4085, 5091, 1136, 8061	NE028, LI036, AO011, DL005, WX7158, SR020
8061	4175, 4085, 5091, 1136, 8061	NE028, LI036, AO011, DL005, WX7158, SR020
2060	2060, 9052	NE028, WX7158, SR020, AO011, DL005
9052	9052, 2060, 9045	9022, 9028, ZU027, 9064
5213	2093, 5213, 9045	9028, LI036, AO011, XA007, NE028, SR020
9045	2093, 5213, 9045, 9052	9022, ZU027, 9028, 9064, LI036, AO011, XA007, NE028, SR020
2093	2093, 5213, 9045	9028, LI036, AO011, XA007, NE028, SR020