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EXPORT OF PIGMEAT/PIGMEAT PRODUCTS TO GRENADA - 1777EHC.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE LOCAL VETERINARY INSPECTOR

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.**

Provided that the consignment is identified by batch codes, serial numbers or shipping marks for example then it is not necessary for the OV to be present at the time of loading into the means of transport. The certificate must fully describe the consignments such that substitution with product which has not been inspected is not possible.

1. Paragraph I e) (i) and (ii) - The certifying veterinarian must insert both the container number and seal number.
2. Paragraph IV a) and b) may be certified, in the case of meat of British origin, on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004, and Transitional Arrangements under which stocks produced in accordance with Council Directive 64/433, as implemented in GB by the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 can be traded until 31/12/2009. In the case of meat of EU origin, the oval mark should be supported by commercial documentation from the producing establishment. In the case of meat of non- EU origin, the health marks should be supported by copies of veterinary certification from the country of origin and by a CVED from the border inspection post at which the consignment entered the EU.
3. Paragraph IV c) may be certified on the basis that the meat/meat products are processed in an establishment approved for intra-Community trade. Such products should bear an oval health mark with the approval number of the establishment.
4. Paragraph IV d) can be certified on the basis of health marks which demonstrate that the products were prepared in an establishment approved for export to the EU and were fit for human consumption.
5. Paragraph IV e) & f) can be signed on behalf of the Department by an OV 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.
6. Paragraph IV g). The first part of this statement may be certified by the OVS at the slaughterhouse on the basis of examination of company records of the origin of the pigs. Where possible this may be cross-referenced to Animal Transport Certificates which hauliers are required to keep under The Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997 (Article 14). At other establishments the OVS must obtain support documents provided by the OVS responsible for the previous premises in the production chain, in addition to examination of company records. Support documents must be retained with your copy of the completed certificate.

A suggested format of support documentation from a slaughterhouse is as follows:

"With respect to the consignment of pigmeat described above/below, I have checked records of the holdings of origin of the pigs from which the meat was derived and am satisfied that the pigs from which the meat was derived were sent for slaughter from holdings in the county/counties of....."

The second part of this statement can be signed on behalf of the Department by an OV 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. Support documents should be on headed paper and contain a full description of the products including batch numbers, production dates, etc., as applicable.

In the case of products of non UK origin this paragraph may be certified on the basis of supporting documents issued by the relevant authorities of the country of origin confirming freedom from the diseases listed, 12 months prior to slaughter.

7. **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.

8. **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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