

## **EXPORT OF DAY-OLD CHICKS TO BANGLADESH**

### **NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

#### **Scope of the certificate.**

- 1 This certificate is for the export of day old chicks of the domestic fowl species to Bangladesh.

#### **Official Signature**

2. 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](mailto: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.

**Clinical inspection**

3. The inspection at paragraph IV a) must be carried out within 24 hours of the intended time of export.
4. The inspection of the flock of origin at paragraph IV b) must be carried out within 28 days of the intended date of export.
5. At paragraph IV c) 'evidence' shall be interpreted as including clinical signs, information derived from flock records, laboratory test records and pathological reports.

**Support certification**

6. When the flock of origin is inspected by a different Official Veterinarian, he/she should complete form 5532SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in paragraphs IV b), c), f), h) and either j) or k) of 5532EHC are complied with.

**Notifiable Disease Clearance**

7. Paragraphs IV (d) and (g) may be certified provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her before shipment by the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

8. **Laboratory Tests**

Paragraphs IV (f) and (j) refers.

For (f), the flock of origin should be sampled in accordance with the OIE terrestrial manual and using statistical sample size (95/5).

For (j), all the birds comprising the flock of origin must be sampled.

The samples shall either be sent to APHA Weybridge / Lasswade, AFBI Stormont or another Government (UKAS) accredited veterinary laboratory.

The exporter should make arrangements in advance with the laboratory to obtain the necessary data about the materials for the avian influenza test. Samples shall be submitted to allow for the necessary turnaround time of the testing.

The test results must be attached to the veterinary health certificate;

9. **Vaccination History**

Paragraphs IV (h). If the veterinarian responsible for the flock of origin cannot certify this statement based on his/her personal knowledge he/she should obtain a written declaration from the flock owner/manager.

Concerning vaccination against avian influenza, the vaccination of poultry for avian influenza in the UK is forbidden, except with special dispensation at times of particular risk.

**Poultry Health Scheme Membership**

10. Paragraph IV (k) may be certified provided that the OV has received written confirmation from APHA/DAERA that the flock(s) of origin and the hatchery are current members of the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS).

11. **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](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)

12. **Welfare of the animals**

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team

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Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.