

**EXPORT OF PETFOOD AND DOG CHEWS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CHILE - 7053NFG**

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

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the accompanying export certificate 7053EHC. 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.

**Note that products need to be registered with the Chilean authorities (SAG) prior to import. Companies wishing to export to Chile should work with a designated importer to complete this registration process.**

**1. SCOPE**

Chile has agreed that this certificate may be used for the import of petfood and dog chews from the UK.

**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](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.

### **3. CERTIFICATION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

*A veterinarian should only sign certificates that are written in a language they understand.*

An equivalent in the language of country of destination is provided and that veterinarians should comply with any accompanying advice from the Competent Authority on this issue.

For this certificate, the Chilean authorities have requested also that the Chilean certificate also needs a signature by an OV. The foreign text in this certificate is an official translation of the English text and as the Official Veterinarian, you are accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, even if you are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text.

### **4. ATTESTATION**

- Paragraph II.1.1 option either: One of the below must be always certified.

-First "either"- Product that contain meat-and-bone meal of ruminant origin. This statement can only then be certified if the country of origin of the ingredients is recognised as having at least a controlled risk of BSE. It should be deleted otherwise.  
The UK as a whole is considered to have controlled risk status.

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BSE Official Disease Status:

<https://www.oie.int/en/disease/bovine-spongiform-encephalopathy/>

-Second "or"- can be certified for product that contain meat-and-bone meal of ruminant origin, and they have been reduced to a maximum size of 50 mm, and then subjected to heat treatment in an atmosphere of saturated steam, having a temperature of at least 133°C for at least 20 minutes, with an absolute pressure of 3 bars. It should be deleted otherwise.

-Third "or"- This statement can be certified if the product does not contain meat-and-bone meal of ruminant origin. It should be deleted otherwise.

- Paragraph II.1.2 and II.1.3. should be certified. Please check compliance and guidance at the bottom of the certificate.
- Paragraph II.2.2. chose the relevant "either" "or" for humid feeds. Please check compliance and guidance at the bottom of the certificate
- Paragraph II.3.2. chose the relevant "either" or" for dehydrated products. Please check compliance and guidance at the bottom of the certificate.
- Paragraph II.3.3. can be certified for dehydrated products. Please check compliance and guidance at the bottom of the certificate.
- Paragraph II.3.4. To be certified if there is porcine material in the product. Please chose the relevant sub-option and follow the guidance at the bottom of the certificate.

5. **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)