

EXPORT OF HIGHLY REFINED CHONDROITIN SULPHATE, HYALURONIC ACID, OTHER HYDROLYSED CARTILAGE PRODUCTS, CHITOSAN, GLUCOSAMINE, RENNET, ISINGLASS AND AMINO ACIDS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION TO THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY - 8050EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8050EHC and 8050SUP

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8050EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8050EHC. 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 8050EHC may be used for the export of highly refined chondroitin sulphate, hyaluronic acid, other hydrolysed cartilage products, chitosan, glucosamine, rennet, isinglass and amino acids intended for human consumption to the Republic of Turkey.

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.

3. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DESPATCHED CONSIGNMENT

I.3 - Central Competent Authority

This should be completed with "Defra".

I.4 - Local Competent Authority

The certifying OV should enter the name of the local office of APHA responsible for the exporting establishment. Where the exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.

I.6 - intentionally struck through.

I.7 and I.9 - Country ISO Codes

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for the whole of the **United Kingdom** is "GB" and this should be entered at **Box I.7**.

The ISO Code for **Turkey** is "TR" and should be entered at **Box I.9**.

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I.11 - Approval/Registration Number

Establishments *handling unprocessed animal by-products or manufacturing products derived from unprocessed animal by-products* must be approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended).

In England, this is enforced by the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Alternatively, establishments handling *processed ingredients* of animal origin intended for animal consumption may be approved or registered in accordance with food hygiene regulations.

The approval or registration number may be confirmed on sight of a valid LA-issued approval document or by reference to the responsible local APHA or DAERA office.

I.12 - intentionally struck through.

I.13 - Place of loading

The place of loading or the port of embarkation must be entered.

I.14 - Date of departure

The date of departure must be entered.

I.15 - Means of transport

The means of transport i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated.

The option 'Other' is **not** applicable to the movement of products and should not be selected.

The flight number, name of the vessel, the train number and rail car or the number plate of the road vehicle should be entered as the means of identification as appropriate.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry.

Optionally, the number of the airway bill, bill of lading, or the commercial number of the train or road vehicle may be entered as the documentary reference.

I.16 - Entry point

The exporter must advise the OV of the point of entry into the destination country and this must be entered.

This should include the name of the specific port of entry as well as the city.

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I.18 - Description of commodity

A veterinary description of the goods or a description based on the applicable HS Code (see below) must be entered.

I.19 - HS Code

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics. The appropriate HS Code should be entered in **Box I.19**. **The OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code used correctly describes the products being consigned.**

Information on HS Codes can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>

and

<http://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm>

I.20 - Quantity of Product

Insert the total gross and net weights in Kg.

I.21 - Temperature of product

Indicate whether the transport/storage temperature is ambient, chilled or frozen.

I.22 - Number of packages

Insert the number of packages in the consignment.

I.23 - Seal/container no.

The seal or container number of consignment may be entered here.

I.24 - Type of packaging

Enter the type of packaging in the space provided.

I.25 - Commodities certified for

Indicate the intended use of the product, taking into account any guidance which may be offered in the footnote of the certificate.

I.26 - intentionally struck through

I.27 - For import or admission

The box should be ticked to confirm that this is an import or 8050NFG (Cleared 05/08/2019) (Revised 13/12/2023)

admission as opposed to transshipment.

I.28 - Official Identification

For the purposes of this certificate, the species referred to in the 1st column of **Box I.28** refers to the species from which the products were derived.

If the consignment consists of several different types of products then it may be necessary to use a separate schedule to identify the full consignment.

The schedule must, as a *minimum*, contain the same information as that required in **Box I.28** of the certificate and this box must be annotated "*See Attached Schedule*".

Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also.

Any blank spaces in the schedule or in **Box I.28** should be deleted with diagonal lines.

I.28. - Official Identification

Further to **I.11** above, OVs should enter the relevant approval/registration number of the manufacturing plant in addition to the other required information.

4. COMPLETION OF PART II - PUBLIC HEALTH ATTESTATION

This section can be signed based on familiarity with the procedures within the production establishment, with reference to the specified EU directives which were enforced by the Food Hygiene Legislations 2016, and of the packaging and handling of the products.

Similarly, Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 is enforced in England by the Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents (England) Regulations 2013.

5. 8050SUP - DECLARATION OF COMPETENT AUTHORITY

This **Declaration is mandatory and a copy of 8050SUP must accompany every copy of 8050EHC certified.**

The OV, acting in their capacity as a Defra-appointed vet, has delegated authorisation to sign the Declaration on behalf of the Competent Authority (Defra), provided:

- The certifying OV is familiar with the sourcing, procurement, segregation, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the establishment;

And, in conjunction with the above,

- s/he has satisfactory supporting evidence resulting from physical inspection and by examination of relevant documentation or other records, including commercial documentation, veterinary statements, laboratory analysis and valid declarations.
- Where possible, supporting evidence has been called for and put on file.

6. 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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