

EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO MAURITIUS - 5663EHC NOTES FOR

THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5663EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5663EHC. 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 5663EHC may be used for the export of milk and dairy products from the United Kingdom to Mauritius.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)/ VETERINARY OFFICER (VO)

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation, or a VO employed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland (DAERA).

OVs/VOs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/VO stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

Certified Copy Requirements

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of EHCs for the following EHC types:

- if the commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids
- EHC's where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers 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.

3. HEALTH INFORMATION

Paragraph IV. a) may be signed on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.

Paragraphs IV. b) or c) Delete as applicable depending on at which stage the treatment was carried out.

Compliance with processing standards detailed in these paragraphs may be certified on the basis of knowledge of the production process operating in the establishment and relevant checks on company records of processing, quality control checks etc. for the batches certified.

Paragraph IV. d) may be certified on the basis that the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1996 prohibits the sale or supply for human or animal consumption of milk from animals affected with or suspected of suffering from BSE.

Paragraph IV. e) refers to the BSE (No2) Order 1988.

Paragraph IV f) may be certified on the following basis:

The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in food and the Environment - which summarises the results of monitoring. The results of these monitoring supports the

conclusion set out in the paragraph.

4. 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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