

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO KAZAKHSTAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

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 3458EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3458EHC. 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 3458EHC may be used for the export of cats and dogs from Great Britain to Kazakhstan.

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 or Welsh Government, 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.

3. IMPORT PERMIT

The exporter must obtain an import permit from the veterinary authorities in Kazakhstan. The exporter should fax the fully completed export health certificate to the Kazakhstan Authorities (fax number 00 73272 631377/542055) and request that an import permit is faxed by return to the exporter.

4. OWNER/EXPORTER'S DECLARATIONS

Paragraph IV (b) refer. This paragraph may be certified provided a written declaration has been obtained from the owner/exporter. OVs should retain a copy of the owner's declaration for record purposes.

5. Testing

Paragraph IV d) refers. The VLA test list suggests that the Toxoplasmosis LA test is only accredited in cattle goats & sheep. This test is suitable for use in dogs and can also be regarded as accredited in that species.

6. VACCINATIONS

Paragraph IV (e) refers. Only licensed products must be used to vaccinate dogs and cats. The instructions on the data sheet must be complied with. The animal must have completed a primary course of vaccination for the diseases listed in this paragraph, and it must have received booster vaccinations as instructed on the data sheet. A primary course of vaccination or a booster vaccination must have taken place no more than 6 months prior to export, but not within the 14 days prior to export.

7. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

The certification contained in paragraphs IV (g), (h), (j) and (k) may be signed on behalf of the Department provided you are in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to you by APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle.

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, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

9. WELFARE DURING TRAVEL

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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