

EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE SEYCHELLES

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 2932EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 2932EHC. 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 2932EHC may be used for the export of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to the Seychelles.

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. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS may certify country freedom from rabies providing written authority to do so has been obtained from the APHA, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle.

4. VACCINATIONS

The veterinary authorities in the Seychelles require animals to have the following vaccinations:

Dogs

rabies
canine distemper
infectious canine hepatitis
canine parvovirus
leptospirosis

Cats

feline enteritis
feline rhinotracheitis
feline calicivirus

All of the above must be carried out not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export.

If administered by another veterinary surgeon, vaccination certificates must be made available to the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN. They should be attached to the completed health certificate.

5. TREATMENTS

All dogs and cats must be treated with an approved anthelmintic and for external parasites before export. If these treatments are carried out by a veterinary surgeon other than the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, the exporter must provide the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN with a letter or certificate from that veterinary surgeon with details of the active ingredient, manufacturer and licence number of each treatment; what it is effective against; and the date of administration.

6. RESIDENCY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The veterinary authorities in the Seychelles require animals to have been resident in the United Kingdom at least six months prior to

export, or since birth. Exporters must provide the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN with a written declaration to this effect.

7. CERTIFICATION OF STERILISATION FOR CERTAIN BREEDS

No male or female dog of any of the following breeds may be imported into the Seychelles unless it has been sterilised:

- Akita Inu
- Alangu Mastiff
- Alano Espanol
- Alstatian
- American Pit Bull Terrier
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Argentine Dogo
- Bedlington Terrier
- Boston Terrier
- Bully Katta
- Bulldog
- Bullmastiff
- Boerboel
- Belgian Shepherd
- Cane Corso
- Doberman
- Dogue de Bordeaux
- Dogo Sardesco
- English Mastiff
- Fila Brasileiro
- French Bulldog
- German Shepherd
- Great Dane
- Gull Dong
- Gull Terr
- Irish Staffordshire
- Bull Terrier
- Korea Jindo Dog
- Lottatore Brindisino
- Malinois
- Napolitan Mastiff
- Perro de Presa Canario
- Perro de Presa Mallorquin
- Rottweiler
- Ridgeback
- Shar Pei
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Shepherd dog
- Tibetan Mastiff
- Tosa Inu

A certificate from a qualified veterinary surgeon confirming that this has been done must accompany the dog.

8. WELFARE

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

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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.

9. **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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