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**EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

**Associated Documents: 3928EHC, 618NDC and 372DMR**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3928EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3928EHC. 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:** This summary sets out, to the best of the Department's knowledge, the import requirements for Zambia as at July 1996.

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 3928EHC may be used for the export of a dog/cat from the United Kingdom to Zambia.

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 3928NFG (02/02/2010) (Revised 13/12/2023)

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. **IMPORT PERMIT**

An import permit must be obtained from the Department of Veterinary and Tsetse Control Services, P.O. Box 50060, 15101 Ridgeway, Lusaka, Zambia, which must be attached to the consignment note and accompany the animal.

4. **EXAMINATION**

Paragraph IV. a) refers. Animals must be examined by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN not more than 48 hours prior to export.

5. **RABIES VACCINATION**

Paragraph IV. b) refers. Where appropriate the rabies vaccination certificate should be attached to the export health certificate.

Rabies vaccination should be given not more than 12 months prior to export. A rabies vaccination certificate should be completed by a veterinary surgeon who vaccinates the animals. The use of rabies vaccine is not generally permitted in the United Kingdom but arrangements have been made for rabies vaccine to be available for animals intended for export. The owner/exporter of the animal should contact a veterinary surgeon of his choice to carry out the vaccination.

If the animal is not vaccinated prior to export it must be presented to the nearest Government Veterinary Station on arrival in Zambia for vaccination.

6. **OWNERS DECLARATION**

Paragraph IV. c) refers. A written declaration must be received from the owner/exporter stating that the animal has been resident in the United Kingdom for the past six months or since birth.

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraphs IV. d) and e) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the APHA Centre for International Trade or the issuing

office of DAERA in Northern Ireland on form 618NDC.

**Note:** For the purpose of this certification, notifiable disease means any notifiable disease to which the species are susceptible.

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 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>

DAERA - Email: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)