

## **EXPORT OF CHICKEN HATCHING EGGS AND DAY OLD CHICKS (*Gallus gallus*) TO TANZANIA**

### **NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER**

#### **IMPORTANT**

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.

#### **1. Scope of the certificate.**

This certificate 313EHC should be used for the export of hatching eggs and day old chicks of the domestic fowl species (*Gallus gallus*) to Tanzania, to be used only when the flocks of origin are located within the UK.

#### **2. Official Signature**

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.

#### **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 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**

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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. **Means of Transportation**

Paragraph III c) refers. This should state 'air', 'sea' or 'road' as appropriate, and include the flight number, ship name, or truck registration.

4. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV. a), and b) refer. These paragraphs may be certified by the OV provided that he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by (in GB, APHA Exports, Carlisle) or the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland.

**In paragraphs a) and b) the OV must delete ONLY those lines which do NOT apply.**

In the case where the UK has been affected by HPAI and/or ND outbreak, but the OV thinks that the export might be able to proceed on the basis of options (ii) or (iii), the OV should consult the relevant issuing office.

For point (ii) - the **free region (zone)** option would be used at times when the United Kingdom has experienced cases of HPAI in poultry and has not yet made a self-declaration of freedom from disease.

In this case, consignments would only be certified if the premises of origin are free from HPAI and not in any zone subject to disease control restrictions (excluding any Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ)) as per UK domestic regulations for the control of either HPAI or ND.

For point (iii) - the **free compartment** option. This is not based on geographical regions / zones, but on a high biosecurity group of official approved linked premises. Companies need to apply to have their premises officially recognised as a compartment.

5. **Support Certification**

Paragraphs IV c), d), e) and f) refer. In cases where the OV is not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin, he/she may certify the statements referring to those flocks on the basis of a support certificate (313SUP) provided by the veterinarian who is regularly responsible for those flocks. The support health certificate will be issued in GB by APHA Exports, Carlisle or the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland at the same time as the export health certificate.

6. **Disease Surveillance under Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035**

Paragraph IV c) refers. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 is the European poultry trade Regulation, replacing the previous EU Directive 2009/185/EC. Reference to the earlier Directive can be taken to mean compliance with the revised Regulation. Poultry exported from UK must comply with requirements of this Regulation. All of the conditions in the Regulation are fully implemented in GB by the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS), and in Northern Ireland by the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS).

Therefore membership of either of these schemes means that the premises are officially approved and tested for these diseases in accordance with this regulation.

7. **National Surveillance Programme for Salmonellas of Public health concern**

Paragraph IV d) refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the flock(s) of origin have been routinely monitored bacteriologically as required under the National Control Programme for Salmonella.

The programme lays down procedures for the routine monitoring of chicken and turkey breeding flocks for zoonotic Salmonellas, in accordance with retained Regulation 2160/2003. It is implemented in England by the Control of Salmonella in Poultry Order 2007, and the equivalent in the devolved administrations.

The OV is personally responsible for checking that testing has been carried out, and that any suspicion of infection has been ruled out (any doubtful or positive results which have been re-examined according to the current PHS or NIPHAS protocols and determined to be false doubtful or false positives can be regarded as negative).

8. **Routine Inspection of Flocks of Origin**

Paragraph IV f) refers. Directive 2009/158/EC had been revoked and replaced by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 which requires that flocks of origin must be inspected at least once a year. The OV should verify that flocks of origin are inspected on monthly bases as required by this paragraph.

The full requirements in order to certify this paragraph are: An official veterinarian must have carried out routine monthly health visits to each flock of origin, the last of which must have been within the past 31 days. In this case the certifying OV must also obtain a written statement (by fax or email) from the flock manager within 24 hours prior to the intended time of despatch of the eggs or day old birds, to confirm that on the basis of production and mortality records, any other relevant reports, and the manager's personal observation, there is no suspicion of disease in the flock(s) of origin.

9. **Packing and Transport Conditions**

Paragraphs IV g) and h) refer. In order to certify these paragraphs it is necessary for the OV to personally observe the packing materials and the internal compartment of the vehicles used for transport.

Under EU Council Regulation EC/1/2005, implemented in England by the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and its equivalent in the devolved regions, vehicles carrying live poultry must be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading.

Other instructions about disinfection of the vehicle are that disinfection must be "in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority". The OV may certify the paragraph if, in his/her professional judgement, the methods are adequate and effective.

A DEFRA approved disinfectant must be used for disinfecting the internal cargo compartment of the vehicle. Disinfectants are approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (England) Order 2007 (as amended). The list contains over 200 brands of disinfectant, and there is a sub-group specifically approved for use with poultry, on the basis

of their efficacy against Newcastle disease and avian influenza viruses. DEFRA approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions.

#### **10. 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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