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EXPORT TO OMAN OF LABORATORY PRODUCTS CONTAINING INGREDIENTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8721EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8721EHC. **The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate** 8721EHC. **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 8721EHC may be used for the export of laboratory products containing ingredients of animal origin from the United Kingdom to Oman.

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. **COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATE - CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION (Section 1-16)**

1. Enter the name and address of the exporter
2. Enter the certificate reference number
3. Pre-filled
4. Enter the issuing competent authority -either "APHA" for GB or "DAERA" for NI
5. Enter the name and address of the importer
6. Enter the country of origin
7. Pre-filled
8. Enter the place of loading
9. Strike through non-relevant options to leave appropriate option. If 'other' please specify means of transport
10. Enter the declared point of entry in Oman
11. Strike through non-relevant options to leave appropriate option. If 'other' please specify transport and storage conditions
12. Enter the details of the container or seal number(s)
13. Enter a brief and accurate description of the products, avoiding brand names

14. Enter the Manufacturing establishment name, address, and UK approval number. See below re Paragraph 17.III for UK approval information
15. Intended purpose – enter the intended purpose of the product e.g. "laboratory use"
16. For each product, enter the type of product, the type of packaging, the number of packages, and the net and gross weights. Continue on a separate schedule if required. Schedules should be appended and fan stamped in the usual manner.

4. **COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATE - HEALTH INFORMATION (Section 17)**

Paragraph 17.I may be certified on the basis that the technical/manufacturing establishment is approved in accordance the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended)or equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The UK establishment's approved or registered status may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval or registration document, or by reference to the enforcement authority (APHA, DAERA or Local Authority) responsible for the establishment.

Paragraph 17.II may be certified on the basis that the animal material is Category 3 material as described under Article 10 of the retained Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/1009).

The principles and controls laid down under Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/1009) continue to be enforced and implemented by the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended) and equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Paragraph 17.III may be certified on the basis of UK approval (see above)and of the certifying OV's familiarity with the sourcing, procurement, segregation, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the facility. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection and examination of relevant documentation and/or records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements and valid declarations.

Paragraph 17:IV may be certified on the basis of the certifying OV's familiarity with the treatment arrangements in place at the facility. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection and examination of relevant documentation and/or records including commercial documentation, results of routine testing, veterinary statements and valid declarations. This may be supported by processing methods applied to the animal materials in the approved establishment.

Paragraph 17.V may be certified on the basis that the processed end product is permitted for sale without restriction in the UK.

Paragraph 17.VI should be completed with the species and country of origin of the animals from which the product was derived

Paragraph 17.VII should be completed with a summary of the processing method used to produce the product

Paragraph 17.VIII should be completed with the ingredients of the product.

Paragraph 17. IX may be certified on the basis that the establishment is approved by the relevant UK authority (as per the guidance for paragraph 17.1 above) and the certifying OV's familiariy with the packaging arrangements the establishment. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection to ensure that the product is packaged in suitably sealed leak-proof containers .

5. **SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS**

Where declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process and/or declared intended use. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

6. **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