

**EXPORT OF DEER TAILS, PIZZLES AND OTHER BY PRODUCTS TO HONG KONG - 3392EHC**

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

1. Paragraph I(c): This information is required to assure the Hong Kong authorities that the species concerned is not listed as endangered under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.
2. Paragraph IV(b) requires the by-products to have been obtained from carcasses which have been subjected to a **post-mortem veterinary inspection**. Rabies, chronic wasting disease (CWD), foot and mouth disease (FMD) and anthrax are notifiable diseases in the UK. The UK is free from rabies, CWD and FMD. Anthrax now occurs at a very low prevalence in the UK; anthrax affected carcasses are destroyed under official supervision. The rest of paragraph IV(b) may be certified on this basis.
3. Paragraphs IV(c) and (d): These products must be produced in accordance with the EU Regulation (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004. The processing establishment is therefore required to be approved/licensed under this legislation. The products are required to comply with this legislation and the carcass from which the by-products were obtained must have received post-mortem examination and have been passed fit for human consumption, and therefore be oval-marked.
4. Paragraph IV(e) may be signed on the basis that all approved/licensed establishments in the United Kingdom are included in the selection process for the statutory programme for monitoring for anti-microbiological and hormone residues.
5. Paragraph IV(f) refers to the BSE (amendment) Order 1996, which has been consolidated into The TSE Regulations 2002.
6. Paragraph IV(g) may be certified on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment.
7. If the consignment is transhipped through a country other than the country of origin, the conditions below apply:
  - A. For consignments conveyed in sealed refrigerated containers:
    - i) The consignment shall be loaded for shipment in sealed refrigerated containers in the country of origin and must be kept under refrigeration throughout its journey to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).
    - ii) The original refrigerated container seal number(s) must be officially recorded and should appear on the certificate at paragraph I(f).
    - iii) A written statement shall be given by the shipping company certifying that the refrigerated container seal is intact and has not been tampered with in any way during the stay and transit in the country of transit.

- iv) All records registering the temperatures at which the contents of the refrigerated container have been maintained throughout the journey to the HKSAR shall be produced for inspection by inspectors of HKSAR Department of Health.
- v) A certificate should be obtained from the surveyor(s) in the HKSAR, confirming that they have inspected the refrigerated container(s) and that the seal(s) has been found intact and not been tampered with in any way. Such a certificate shall be produced for retention by the HKSAR.

B. For consignment conveyed other than in sealed refrigerated containers:

- i) A transshipment certificate issued by the competent health authority of the country of transit certifying that the goods were properly imported into the country of transit and that, during the time there, they did not suffer any spoilage or deterioration, shall be produced for inspection.

## 8. **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**

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.