

EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE TEMPORARY EXPORT OF REGISTERED HORSES FROM UK TO QATAR FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS

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 7562EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7562EHC. The information contained in these notes for guidance sets out, to the best of the Department's knowledge, the import requirements for Qatar. 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

This Export Health Certificate may be used for the temporary export of horses from the United Kingdom to Qatar for less than 30 days.

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. Identification

Paragraph I refers. This paragraph must be fully completed. The silhouette on page 4 of the certificate should also be completed and the passport number inserted. The OV must verify the identity of all registered horses by reference to the passport. The OV must be satisfied that the horse is adequately identified at the time of inspection and each time that samples are taken for pre-export testing.

4. Clinical examination

The examination mentioned at paragraph IV. (b) must be carried out as near as possible to the intended date of export and not more than 24 hours prior to shipment.

5. Veterinary supervision

Paragraph IV (d) refers. "Veterinary supervision" means that the Official Veterinarian or another veterinary surgeon must visit the premises at the start or within 7 days prior to the start of the 40 day period, and at least every 7 days thereafter until the time of export and during these visits the Official Veterinarian must be satisfied either personally or by receiving supporting statements from other veterinary surgeons who visited the premises, that there were no signs of infectious or contagious disease which might affect equines, on the premises.

6. Notifiable disease clearance

Paragraphs IV (a) and (e) may be signed on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority (Form 618NDC) has been received from the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

7. Declarations for residency, movement and premises disease clearance

Paragraphs IV (d), (e), (f) and (g) refer. These paragraphs may be certified either on the OVs personal knowledge with checking necessary records or with written declarations provided by the owner/agent of the horse. If the horse has been resident on another premises during the periods specified in each paragraph this will require additional declarations from the veterinarians responsible for the premises where the horse has been kept.

8. Laboratory Tests

The original or certified copies of all laboratory tests and vaccination certificates (if vaccinations are recorded in the horse's passport a certified copy of the relevant pages of the passport is still required) must be attached (e.g. stapled) to the export health certificate and officially endorsed (fan stamped) by the certifying veterinarian. Certified copies may be photocopies of the original laboratory results bearing the name, title, signature, date and official letterhead of the laboratory. If copies of the laboratory reports are not available then the tests will be deemed to have not

taken place and must be performed again by the exporting country.

9. 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
Centre for International Trade
Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

10. 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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