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**EXPORT TO THE USA OF FISHMEAL AND/OR FISH PRODUCTS, INCLUDING MIXTURES/
FEEDINGSTUFFS CONTAINING IT, FOR FEEDING TO NON-RUMINANT ANIMALS - 3066 EHC**

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

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**.

1. Paragraph IV 2(a): Commission Decision 2000/766/EC prohibits the feeding of processed animal protein to animals which are kept, fattened or bred for the production of food. Processed animal protein is defined by the Decision as:

meat-and-bone meal, meat meal, bone meal, blood meal, dried plasma and other blood products, hydrolysed proteins, hoof meal, horn meal, poultry offal meal, feather meal, dry greaves, fishmeal, dicalcium phosphate, gelatine and any other similar products including mixtures, feedingstuffs, feed additives and premixtures, containing these products.

In accordance with the Decision, fishmeal which has been produced in accordance with the requirements set out under paragraph IV 2(b) and appropriately labelled can only be fed to non-ruminant animals.

This paragraph may therefore be certified as written, for appropriately labelled consignments containing fishmeal.

If the certifying veterinarian is satisfied that the consignment does not contain fishmeal, the whole of paragraph IV 2 may be deleted.

2. Paragraph IV 2(b) may be certified on the basis of knowledge of the procurement and processing procedures in place at the manufacturing plant and of examination of relevant documentation, particularly in the case of imported fishmeal.

Where imported protein is used, the importation documents should reflect the conditions set out under this paragraph. It may be sufficient for such documents to include a statement equivalent to 'produced in accordance with Annex I of Commission Decision 2001/9/EC'.

The fourth indent of paragraph IV 2(b)(iii), referring to routine testing of the feedingstuffs, may be certified on the basis of

3. Paragraph IV 3 may be certified on the basis of:

- knowledge of the production process operating in the dairy establishment;
- checks on company records of processing, quality control checks etc. for the dairy ingredients present in the batches certified;
- veterinary health certificates accompanying imported processed dairy

ingredients used in the batches certified; and

- supplementary supporting evidence provided by the responsible environmental health officer, if applicable.

4. Paragraph IV 4: this paragraph is provided for any further information or statements as required by the import permit. The use of signed declarations in completion of this paragraph should be indicated appropriately.

If no further information is required in order to meet the conditions of the import permit, paragraph IV 6 may be deleted.

5. **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.