

## EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO THE REPUBLICA DE EL SALVADOR

### NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

#### **IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3946EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3946EHC. 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. **SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS**

- Import permit from the Directorate for Animal Health in El Salvador;
- Export health certificate issued by Defra UK;
- Legalisation of the export health certificate by the El Salvador Embassy in London;
- Animals must be examined by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) during the 8 days prior to the proposed export date;
- Vaccination against rabies;
- Vaccination of dogs against canine hepatitis, canine distemper, canine leptospirosis and parvovirus;
- Vaccination of cats against feline panleukopaemia;

#### 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 or Welsh Government, 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](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.

#### 3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

The importation of cats and dogs into El Salvador is subject to the issue of an import permit which must be obtained prior to export either from the Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Division de Cuarentena Agropecuaria (Agricultural and Livestock Quarantine Service), Avenida Norte, Calle Manuel Gallardo, Edificio "C", Primer Nivel, Nueva San Salvador, República de El Salvador (fax: 00-503-228-2720) or the El Salvador Embassy, Mayfair House, 39 Great Portland Street, London W1W 7JZ (tel: 020 7436 8282, fax: 020 7436 8181).

4. **VACCINATIONS**

The veterinary authorities in El Salvador require animals to have the following vaccinations:

All dogs and cats:

rabies (not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export);

Dogs only:

canine hepatitis	]	
canine distemper	]	(not less than 30 days and not more
canine leptospirosis	]	than 12 months prior to export)

Cats only:

feline panleukpaenia (not less than 30 days and not more than 6 months prior to export.

Vaccination certificates must be completed by the veterinary surgeon administering the vaccine, stamped with the OV stamp, dated, signed by the OV and attached to the export health certificate.

5. **TREATMENTS**

All dogs and cats must be treated for external and internal parasites not less than 30 days and not more than 6 months prior to export. If treatment is administered by a veterinary surgeon other than the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, the exporter must provide the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN with a letter/certificate from the veterinary surgeon confirming that it has been done.

6. **TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES**

It is the responsibility of the exporter/agent to apply to the relevant authorities of any transit countries for permission to transport the animals through these countries. Additional health certification may be necessary.

7. **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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8. **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, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>