

EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO NIGERIA - 5368EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 5368EHC, 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5368EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5368EHC. 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 5368EHC may be used for the export of dairy products from the United Kingdom to Nigeria.

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. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraphs IV. 3. (a)i. and 4. (a) i on behalf of the Department, provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland on form 618NDC Clearance for paragraph IV 5.a. may be issued following specific request from the exporter or OV. A list of all the premises supplying the unpasteurised milk will be required, including their CPHs and dates of collection of the milk, in order for this clearance to be given.

4. **ANTHRAX**

Paragraph IV. 2. a. may be signed on the basis of the Anthrax Order made under the Animal Health Act, which requires animals showing signs of this notifiable disease to be restricted, including their milk.

5. **FMD**

- IV. 3. (a) ii. may be signed on the basis of the FMD Order, made under the Animal Health Act.
- IV. 3. (a) iii. may be signed on the basis that the milk/ milk product has been subjected to one of the different treatment options for provided under the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (see link below).

http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_1.8.6.htm (Article 8.6.38 refers)

6. **RINDERPEST**

Rinderpest is considered eradicated throughout the world -

http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_1.8.13.htm

- so there will be no need to certify 4(a) ii or iii.

7. **DISCLAIMERS**

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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