

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Scope of the certificate

1. This certificate covers the export of day old chicks of the domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) to Nepal.

2. **Official Signature**

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**

Paragraphs IV. (a) and (b) refer. These paragraphs may be certified by the OV provided that he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade - Exports, Carlisle) or the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland within 10 days before shipment.

In paragraphs (a) and (b) the OV must delete ONLY those lines which do NOT apply. In the case where the UK HAS been affected by a recent outbreak, but the OV thinks that the export might be able to proceed on the basis of options (ii) region or (iii) compartment, the OV should consult (in GB, APHA International Trade Exports, Carlisle) or the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland.

Flock Health

4. Paragraphs IV (c) and (d) refer. The inspection must take place within 28 days prior to shipment. Evidence of disease should be understood to include clinical signs, data from flock mortality and production records, laboratory reports and pathological examinations.

Note that 'chronic respiratory disease' means infection with *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*

Poultry Health Scheme

5. Paragraph IV (e) refers. Current membership of the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) in GB, or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS), may be certified on the basis of a written statement (form 618NDC) which will be sent to the OV by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade (CIT)- Exports in Carlisle, or in the case of Northern Ireland DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast) within 10 days before shipment. Note that the OV is personally responsible for checking that testing has been carried out, and that all the laboratory results have been negative.

Support Health certificate

6. Paragraphs IV (c), (d), and (e) refer. In cases where the OV is not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin, he/she may certify the statements referring to those flocks on the basis of a support certificate (6440SUP) provided by the veterinarian who is regularly responsible for those flocks. The support health certificate will be issued by (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade - Exports, Carlisle) or the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland at the same time as the export health certificate.

7. **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>

DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk

8. Welfare of Animals during transport

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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