

EXPORT TO JAPAN OF CANINE SAMPLES

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 4916EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 4916EHC. 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 4916EHC may be used for the export of canine samples from Great Britain to Japan.

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.

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. EXPORTER'S DECLARATION

Paragraph IV (a) refers. The exporter must supply a declaration including the same wording as the matters to be certified. This must be signed on the basis of statements from person(s) who has/have knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production, transport and storage process. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence. Where possible, supporting evidence (for example, health certificates for raw materials, showing their country of origin) and other relevant records should be called for, examined and put on file. The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2000, states that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated".

Paragraph IV (a) 3 should be deleted unless it is applicable.

4. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

The certification contained in paragraph IV (b) may be signed on behalf of the Department provided you are in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC) which
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will be sent to you by the issuing office before certification.

5. **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>