

EXPORT OF LIVE INTESTINAL MICROFLORA DERIVED FROM SPF CHICKENS TO CHILE - 5528EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 5528EHC, 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5528EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5528EHC. 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 5528EHC may be used for the export of live intestinal microflora derived from SPF (specific pathogen-free) chickens to Chile.

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
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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. Parts I, II & III must be completed on the following basis:

- i) Inspection by the OV of the type and number of product packages etc as per page 1 of the Health Certificate.
- ii) Inspection by the OV of accompanying export paperwork (including invoice, packing notes etc) to confirm that the batch number of the consignment being certified agrees with said paperwork, and is consistent with the manufacturing and packaging records pertaining to that batch.

4. Part IV must be completed on the following basis:

- *IV (a) refers:*
These paragraphs may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the processes in place on the isolation premises, supported by relevant documentation and/or suitable records.

IV (b) refers:

This may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the ante-mortem inspection procedures and on the basis of inspection of the Autopsy Reports by the OV.

- *IV (c) and (d) refer:*
This may be certified on the basis of OV inspection of
either
 - a) Reports issued by *a government-approved laboratory
 - or*
 - b) Bacterial Clearance Certificates issued by the manufacturerrelating to the master culture and the specific batch being exported.

*** A government-approved laboratory:**

This is any laboratory (including VLA Weybridge) approved by Defra to carry out microbiological testing for this purpose. Contact Animal Health if it is necessary to check the approval status of a particular laboratory.

Pass Standard:

- (i) That no bacteria, viruses or mollicutes, as specified by part IV (d) (1) and (2) of the Health Certificate, have been isolated.
- (ii) Should any bacteria, viruses or mollicutes, as identified by part IV (d) (1) and (2) of the Health Certificate, be isolated, then the inspection will be deemed to have failed.

- *IV (e) refers:*

This statement may be signed on behalf of the Department provided the OV is in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to the OV by the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or the issuing DAERA office in Northern Ireland 10 days before shipment.

The origin address of the SPF donor chicks must be given on the application form to enable clearance to be given.

- *IV (f) refers:*

This may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of packaging procedures in place at the manufacturing establishment.

- *IV (g) refers:*

This may be certified on the basis of a physical inspection of the production site and by physical examination of the packaging of the product being certified to verify that it has been stored continually in sterile packaging and under suitable conditions of secure storage.

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 or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

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

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