

EXPORT OF MILK/MILK PRODUCTS TO MEXICO - 2578EHC

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

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS: 2578EHC and 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to the Certifying Official, whether Official Veterinarian or Official Inspector, and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 2578EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 2578EHC. 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 2578EHC may be used for the export of milk and milk products from the United Kingdom to Mexico.

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 should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

CERTIFIED COPY REQUIREMENTS

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of EHCs for the following EHC types:

If the commodity is live cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids; EHCs where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback.

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers 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."

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. **DATE OF PRODUCTION**

Date of production should be entered at Paragraph I. (d).

4. **IDENTIFICATION MARKS**

Details of the consignment concerning lot/batch numbers/codes must be entered at Paragraph I. (e)

5. **APPROVAL/REGISTRATION OF PREMISES**

Paragraph IV.1. refers. This paragraph may be signed on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with retained Regulation (EC) 853/2004 and retained Regulation (EC) 2019/627.

6. **UNDER OFFICIAL CONTROL**

Paragraph IV.2 refers. Approved/registered premises are deemed to be under official control under the retained EU Food Hygiene legislation.

7. **APPROVED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

Paragraph IV. 3 refers. All oval marked products or products containing oval marked ingredients are deemed to be approved by the competent authority for food hygiene as fit for human consumption.

8. **FMD RESTRICTIONS**

Paragraph IV.4. and 5. refer.

- For milk of UK origin, these paragraphs may be signed on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from APHA Customer Service Centre, Carlisle, on form 618NDC.
- For non-UK origin milk, these paragraphs may be certified on the basis of relevant support documentation issued by the country of origin of the milk.

IV .6 may be signed on the basis of the oval mark which signifies compliance with retained EU legislation - particularly Section IX, Chapter I of Regulation EC (No) 853/2004, which requires the milk to be derived from healthy animals, i.e., those that:

- do not show any symptoms of infectious diseases communicable to humans through milk and colostrum;
- are in a good general state of health,
- present no sign of disease that might result in the contamination of milk and colostrum and, in particular,
- are not suffering from any infection of the genital tract with discharge, enteritis with diarrhoea and fever, or a recognisable inflammation of the udder;
- do not have any udder wound likely to affect the milk and colostrum;

9. **PROCESSING STANDARDS**

Compliance with processing standards detailed in paragraph IV.7. may be certified on the basis of:

- knowledge of the production process operating in the establishment; and

- checks on company records of processing, quality control checks etc. for the batches certified; and
- on the basis of supplementary supporting evidence provided by the responsible Environmental Health Officer.

10. **OTHER**

The Mexican import requirements stipulate, amongst other things, that:

- the consignment and the documentation must comply with the provisions of Articles 24, 32 and 89, sections I, II, III, IV and V, of the (Mexican) Federal Law on Animal Health.
- On arrival in Mexico, the OSAAP (El Oficial de Seguridad Agropecuaria, Acuicola y Pesquera) will check the certification of the band or seal numbers applied in the country of initial origin and/or immediate origin and check that they are intact.
- Consignments can only be imported through authorised points of entry, and the importation of products which require chilling shall be permitted only via the Inspection Offices for Agricultural and Livestock Health:

Authorised point of entry	Contains Inspection Office for chilled
AICM Aduana de Carga	Yes
Altamira	No
Cd. Hidalgo, Chis.	Yes
Cd. Juárez, Chih.	Yes
Colombia NL	Yes
Guadalajara	Yes
Lazaro Cárdenas, Mich.	Yes
Manzanillo, Col.	Yes
Matamoros, Tamps.	Yes
Mazatlán, Sin	Yes
Mexicali, BC	Yes
Monterrey	No
Nogales, Son.	Yes
Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.	Yes
Piedras Negras, Coah.	Yes
Progreso, Yuc.	Yes
Puerto Morelos, Q. Roo	Yes
Reynosa Tamps.	Yes
San Luis Río Colorado, Son.	Yes
Tijuana, BC	Yes
Veracruz, Ver.	Yes

11. **DISCLAIMER**

This certificate is provided on the basis of information available at the time of guidance creation 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 appropriate link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>
DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk