

EXPORT OF FRESH POULTRY MEAT TO BARBADOS - 1806EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1806EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1806EHC. 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 1806EHC may be used for the export of fresh poultry meat from the United Kingdom to Barbados.

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 - 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. SHIPPING MARKS

Paragraph I. e) (i) and (ii). The OV should insert the correct container and seal numbers.

4. ORIGIN

Paragraph IV a) refers. The OV should certify this paragraph on the basis of the slaughterhouse records. If the certifying OV is not personally involved with the slaughterhouse (e.g. certifying out of a remote cold store) the OV must obtain written support documents from the veterinarian who is responsible at the slaughterhouse. The support documents must not be included with the health certificate, but should be retained by the OV personally for record purposes.

5. HEALTH STATUS OF BIRDS and FITNESS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Paragraphs IV. b), c) (with regards to approved establishment), e), f), and h) may be certified on the basis that the meat has received the oval identification mark with plant identification number.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA), Food Standards Scotland (FSS) and DAERA in Northern Ireland are responsible for ensuring that all poultry intended for human consumption is subject to ante mortem inspection (which may be largely based on observations at the farm of origin), and post mortem inspection at an FSA/FSS/DAERA approved slaughterhouse. These paragraphs may be certified on the basis of ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection required before the meat is declared as fit for human consumption. All meat (or its wrapping/packaging) which has passed these inspections will carry the approved oval identification mark, as implemented in UK legislation (The Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013, and the equivalent in the devolved regions).

6. SEGREGATION OF MEAT

Paragraphs c) (with regards to handling of meat) and g) refer. These paragraphs can be certified on knowledge of the slaughter, cutting and storage premises, or on receipt of a supporting declaration attesting to the relevant requirements.

7. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph IV d) refers. This paragraph may be certified by the OV provided that he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle before shipment. In Northern Ireland the local equivalent arrangements will apply.

Authority will be given with reference to details of premises provided at the time of application, and allow certification for any premises outside any zone currently under restrictions in place due to an outbreak of HPAI and Newcastle disease.

8. CONDITION OF THE CONTAINER

Paragraph IV. i) requires the certifying veterinarian to be present at the time of loading of the consignment to ensure that the container is thoroughly clean.

7. SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS

Where declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process and/or declared intended use. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

8. 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:

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