

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO ANGUILLA

No:

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND THE EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 2985 EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 2985 EHC. 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

Export health certificate 2985 EHC may be used for the export of pet dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to Anguilla.

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 the 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.

Part I: Number and identification of the animals

Table must be completed with all required information, for each individual animal. (species, breed, microchip number/ tattoo, sex and age).

Animals must be at least 13 weeks old at the time of export.

Part II: Origin of the animals

Points a), b), c), d) and f) must be completed. Point e) (import permit) to be completed if applicable.

Part III: Health information

- a) Clinical examination is required not more than 48 hours prior proposed date of export. Date of clinical examination needs to be entered by the OV.
- b) Rabies vaccination: Animals must have been vaccinated against Rabies at least 1 month prior to the proposed date of export. Date of vaccination needs to be entered by the OV. If the vaccination has been carried out by another veterinary surgeon, the owner/exporter must provide evidence to the OV in the form of a valid certificate.
- c) This paragraph can be certified based on the OV enquiry and written declaration from the owner/exporter.
- d) Full vaccination is required as follow:
 - **Dogs:** Rabies, DHLPP (distemper, parvovirus, parainfluenza, canine adenovirus, leptospirosis), Lyme disease
 - **Cats** - FVRCP (feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, feline panleukopenia (distemper)), and FeLV (feline leukemia)

Table must be completed will all the information as required: name of vaccination, batch number, date of expiry, date of vaccination.

- e) Internal parasites - negative faecal test is required. Please note that parasitic treatment has **not** been agreed as an alternative to the negative faecal test.
- f) External parasites - clinical examination and preventive treatment for fleas and ticks are required. The timings of flea and tick treatment to be advised by the administering veterinarian.

Welfare

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
Centre for International Trade
Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

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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