

EXPORT OF FRESH MEAT, MEAT PREPARATIONS AND MEAT PRODUCTS OF NON-BOVINE ORIGIN TO THE PHILIPPINES - 4835EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR EXPORTERS AND OFFICIAL

VETERINARIANS IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 4835EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 4835EHC. 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 CERTIFICATE

This certificate may be used for fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products derived from pigs, sheep, and goats.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

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 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.

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

The certifying Official Veterinarian must verify the import permit number on the certificate against a copy of the import permit obtained from the authorities in the Philippines.

4. **DISEASE CLEARANCES**

Paragraphs IV(a) and IV(b) and, in the case of animals originating from the United Kingdom, paragraph IV(c) (i), can be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so on 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment.

- Major epizootic (former OIE list A) diseases to which sheep are susceptible: Foot and mouth disease, bluetongue, sheep pox, peste des petits ruminants, Rift Valley fever.
- Major epizootic (former OIE list A) diseases to which pigs are susceptible: Foot and mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, classical swine fever.

5. **PRESENCE OF THE OVAL MARK**

Meat originating from the UK

In the case of fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products originating from premises in the UK, paragraphs IV(c) (ii), IV(c) (iii), IV(d), IV(e) and IV(h) can be certified on the basis of premises operation in accordance with UK legislation laying down hygiene rules for food of animal origin and its official controls, as indication by the establishment Identification Mark. 'United Kingdom' should be entered in (c) (ii).

Meat originating from EU Member States approved to export to the Philippines

EU Member States currently approved to export to the Philippines are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands and Spain. In the case of meat / meat products originating from these EU Member States, paragraphs IV(c) - (e) may be certified on the basis of presence of the EU oval mark. EU Member State(s) of origin of the fresh meat / product must be entered in paragraph IV(c) (ii). The certifying Official Veterinarian must ensure that no fresh meat / meat preparation / product has originated from any country not included on the list of those approved to export to the Philippines.

6. **RESIDUES MONITORING**

Paragraph IV(f) refers. Council Directive 96/23/EC (on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products) is implemented in the UK by the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1997.

This paragraph may be signed on the basis of implementation of the Directive in other EU Member States and on the basis of the National Surveillance Scheme for residues currently in place in the UK.

7. **RADIATION MONITORING**

Paragraph IV (g) refers. The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in Food and the Environment - which summarises the results of monitoring. The results of these monitoring supports the conclusion set out in the paragraph.

8. **LABELLING OF PRODUCT**

The Philippine authorities require that consignments should be labelled with the following information;

- brand name
- active ingredients
- quantity (in metric units)
- origin
- handling instructions
- product classification - The product description in the Export Health Certificate at Part I(a) must be identical to that on the label attached to the packaging. For example, if the label reads "Frozen Neck Bones", the description "Frozen Neck Bones" must appear on the EHC.
- name and address of the manufacturer and exporter
- date slaughtered/manufactured
- production lot number
- the words FOR EXPORT TO THE PHILIPPINES

The certifying Official Veterinarian should draw these requirements to the attention of the exporter.

9. 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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