

EXPORT OF CATS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO HAWAII

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

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3073EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3073EHC. 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

The Export Health Certificate is to be used for export of cats from the United Kingdom to the state of Hawaii. They are based on the requirements for the importation of cats into Hawaii, known to the Department, as at October 2004. (For more information, please consult the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture website at www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm).

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 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. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph IV b) refers. OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS may certify country freedom from rabies providing written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

4. RESIDENCY IN UNITED KINGDOM

The owner or consignor must write and sign an affidavit stating that the animal has not been imported into United Kingdom during the six months preceding the date of export. This affidavit must be attached to the export certificate.

5. TRANSPORTATION

An affidavit is required from the Commanding Officer of the aircraft or a senior official of the airline at each intermediate stop on the journey stating:

- i. The identification of the aircraft;
- ii. The airport of departure and the airports at which the aircraft landed on route to Hawaii;
- iii. The animal was transported from United Kingdom to Hawaii in one aircraft; and
- iv. The animal was not off loaded at any airport/port en route.

Arrangements for supplying the above declaration should be made with the airline carrying the animal.

4. CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS

Animals must be shipped in a nose-proof and paw-proof container that is sealed in such a manner that removal of the animals will break the seal. The animal must be transported in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (I.A.T.A.) Standards.

5. ON ARRIVAL

The animals will be inspected on arrival by a station veterinarian or inspector and shall be subject to treatment for external parasites. Any notification of transmissible disease at this stage will be

sufficient reason to quarantine any or all of the animals in the shipment.

6. **QUARANTINE**

If any conditions cannot be met or are breached in any way, animals may be required to undergo 120 days quarantine.

7. **TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES**

It is the responsibility of the exporter/agent to apply to the relevant authorities of any countries of transit for permission to transport the animals through these countries. Additional health certification may be necessary.

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:

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

DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk

9. **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

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