

EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO TANZANIA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN 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 3129EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3129EHC. 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. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

- Import permit from Tanzanian veterinary authorities;
- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA UK;
- Animals must be examined by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, not more than 10 days prior to export;
- For dogs: full vaccination against canine parvo enteritis and canine distemper prior to export;
- For cats: full vaccination against feline panleukopaenia prior to export;
- Animals may be required to have a vaccination against rabies on arrival in Tanzania.

2. IMPORT PERMIT

The importation of cats and dogs into Tanzania is subject to the issue of an import permit which must be obtained prior to export from The Livestock Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Pamba House, P O Box 9152, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

3. 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

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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.

4. VACCINATION

The Department of Agriculture in Tanzania require vaccination of dogs against parvo enteritis and canine distemper; and of cats feline panleukopaenia. The vaccination must be performed by a registered veterinary. If this differs from the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN responsible for signing the export health certificate, vaccination certificates will need to be made available to the OV.

5. TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES

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

6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

OVs may certify country freedom from rabies provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle or DAERA in Northern Ireland.

7. WELFARE DURING TRAVEL

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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