

## EXPORT TO JAPAN OF FEATHERS FOR MAKING FISHING FLIES - 4871EHC

### NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

**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 4871EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 4871EHC. 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 4871EHC may be used for the export of feathers for making fishing flies from the United Kingdom to Japan.

#### 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**

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](mailto: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. DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT**

Paragraph III(b) refers. The products must be accurately described, including the species of origin, to allow import officials to verify against the consignment.

The commodity will be subject to animal quarantine checks at the arrival airport/port, therefore transporters/importers should ensure consignments are routed correctly on arrival. The product description should be clearly stated on packages for ease of checking. The package also should include "Requires animal quarantine checks" or similar, as this has been requested by importing authorities.

### **4. ORIGIN OF PRODUCT**

Paragraph III(b) refers. OVs should include details regarding the source(s) of the feathers (e.g. processing premises from which the feathers were obtained such as game meat plant).

It is however recognized, that many feathers are sourced from wild shot birds and provided in small quantities by individuals (hunters). In these cases, "**WILD SHOT BIRDS**" must be entered into this section, in addition to the approximate location as follows.

If the feathers originate in the UK, the name(s) of the county(ies) or equivalent throughout the UK should be added. If this data is unknown, "UNITED KINGDOM" should be entered.

If the feathers originate in any other Member States of the European Union, OVs should insert the name of the Member State of origin.

OVs should check any available documentation such as invoices, receipts or commercial documentation to confirm these details.

### **5. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV (e) refers. This paragraph may be certified by the OV provided that they have received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to them by APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle before shipment. In Northern Ireland the local equivalent arrangements will apply.

Authority can only be given for feathers of UK origin. During, and following, an outbreak of notifiable disease which affects birds, details of the premises or counties of origin will be required before clearance can be given.

For feathers originating outside the UK, the OV will need to seek official clearance from the country(ies) of origin.

### **6. 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 (CIT) - Exports in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team:

e-mail - [tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk)  
Phone - 0289 0520989