

THE EXPORT / RE-EXPORT OF IN VIVO OR IN VITRO BOVINE EMBRYOS OF GB

EXPORT STATUS TO THE ISLE OF MAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to embryo team Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1350EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1350EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

**1. Scope of the Certificate**

The certificate 1350EHC can be signed for in vivo derived or in vitro produced bovine embryos produced in accordance with GB legislation of export status, either in the GB, NI or imported from an EU/non-EU country in accordance with GB legislation (Directive 89/556/EEC). The embryos must be stored in an 'GB export' approved storage centre in GB.

**2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an OV, who is also the embryo team veterinarian responsible for the team/centre, 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](mailto: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.

**3. Notifiable disease clearance - Bluetongue**

Paragraph IV.(f)(i) refer: OVs may certify this paragraph on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle.

Paragraph IV.(f)(i) and (ii) refer: OVs may certify this paragraph if the testing requirements are met, as applicable.

**4. 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 Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency>