

## EXPORT OF POULTRY AND GAME BIRD FEATHERS TO SRI LANKA: 6933EHC

### NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE 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 6933EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6933EHC. 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 6933EHC may be used for the export of feathers obtained from poultry and game birds from the United Kingdom to Sri Lanka.

#### 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 or Welsh Government, 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. DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph IV a) parts (i) and (ii) can be signed on behalf of the Department by an OV provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office of APHA, or from DAERA in Northern Ireland.

This requires that feathers were obtained from birds kept in a zone free from notifiable avian influenza at the time of collection, and from Newcastle disease at collection and also the full 12 months prior to the proposed date of export. The precise location of the birds of origin must be notified to the issuing office.

The processing premises, as indicated in paragraph II b), must also be in a zone free of the stated diseases at the time of processing (and for Newcastle disease the 12 months prior to export).

4. **TREATMENT OF THE PRODUCTS**

Paragraphs IV b) may be certified on the basis of knowledge of the processing methods, or a written declaration from an authorised signatory of the manufacturing company.

Non-applicable options should be deleted. For (iv), the exporter/importer should seek clarification from the authorities in Sri Lanka for applicable treatments, and the method entered onto the certificate.

5. **AVOIDANCE OF CONTAMINATION**

Paragraph IV c) refers. This paragraph must be certified, regardless of which option was chosen from IV a) or b). The certifying OV must ensure that reasonable precautions were taken in the handling of the feathers to avoid any source of HPAI.

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