

## **EXPORT OF TABLE EGGS TO SINGAPORE**

### **NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

#### **1. IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to the Official Veterinarian (OV) and the exporter. The NFG should have been issued to you together with its related export health certificate. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the health certificate. 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.

#### **2. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 8521EHC may be used for the export of table eggs (both from housed flocks and free-range flocks) from the UK to Singapore.

#### **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 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.

4. **SINGLE FARMS OF ORIGIN**

Paragraph IV c) refers. Export consignments must be from flocks on a single farm of origin, approved for export as detailed in part 5 below.

Where eggs are from multiple origin farms, these must all be separately certified.

5. **PROCEDURES FOR LISTING TABLE EGGS ESTABLISHMENTS FOR EXPORT TO SINGAPORE**

Any farms producing table eggs for export to Singapore are required to be listed by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA). These listings are published at <https://www.sfa.gov.sg/tools-and-resources/accreditation-database-for-overseas-sources>

GB establishments should apply to APHA ([exports@apha.gov.uk](mailto:exports@apha.gov.uk)) in order to be listed by SFA, and NI establishments should apply to DAERA. The following details must be provided:

- Farm name
- Farm address
- GPS coordinates of farm (in decimal degrees)
- Company name
- Company address and sales contact details (telephone/email address)
- Egg production per month
- Housing type (e.g. caged/barn)
- Egg colour (e.g. white/brown)

The British Lion Code of Practice provides equivalent assurance to SFA's accreditation criteria. Layer farms accredited under this scheme should indicate as such when applying for listing.

Farms not accredited under this scheme may be asked to provide further information to demonstrate all conditions are met for SFA accreditation.

Once satisfied that all criteria are met, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) will recommend to SFA the export of eggs from the farm. There is no need for the individual establishment to submit application dossiers for SFA's evaluation.

Listed layer farms may also be subject to an audit by SFA in the future.

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV a) can be certified as HPAI is a notifiable disease in the UK.

For Paragraph IV b), one of (i) or (ii) must be certified, with the one unused option to be deleted.

Official Veterinarians may certify either part b) (i) or (ii) and f) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the issuing office on form 618NDC.

7. **EGG MARKING**

Paragraph IV d) refers. The certifying OV can certify this for farms registered as laying establishments provided that eggs are stamped with the appropriate producer code.

8. **NATIONAL SALMONELLA CONTROL PROGRAMME**

Paragraph IV e) refers. Under the Control of Salmonella in Poultry Order 2007, the UK implements a National Control Programme for food-borne zoonotic salmonellas (NCP).

Testing negative for Salmonella under the UK NCP is sufficient to meet the condition to be free from Salmonella Enteritidis.

Further information on the UK National Control Programme for Salmonella in Layers can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-national-control-programme-for-salmonella-in-layers-gallus-gallus>

9. **OTHER NECESSARY CONDITIONS**

Paragraphs IV. g), h) and j) refer. The OV must certify this paragraph on the basis of his/her personal knowledge and observations at the premises.

Official veterinarians should ensure that eggs have a fully developed shell and were clean, fresh have been handled and packed in appropriately sanitised packaging materials and containers in a hygienic manner.

If necessary, the OV may consult the establishment's trading and manufacturing records, and/or ask for a written statement from the management of the establishment.

10. **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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>