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**EXPORT OF SMALL ZOO MAMMALS AND EXOTIC PETS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO PHILIPPINES**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND THE EXPORTER**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7142EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7142EHC.

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**

Export health certificate 7142EHC must be used for the export guinea pigs from the United Kingdom to the Philippines.

**2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), The Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government, Department for Rural Affairs, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. LVIs should affix the LVI stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to Animal Health Central Operations for Export at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DARD, Dundonald House, Belfast.

**3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraphs IV.(b) and (d) (i) refer. In the case of paragraph (b), only rabies is relevant. This paragraph may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle on form 618NDC.

**4. WELFARE**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

**ENGLAND** Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,  
9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR.  
Tel: 020 7238 5865/Fax: 020 7238 6009;

**SCOTLAND** Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Pentland  
House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh, EH14 1TW.  
Tel: 0131 556 8400 ext 6181/Fax: 0131 244 6616;

**WALES** Welsh Assembly Government - Department for Rural  
Affairs, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff,  
CF1 3NQ.  
Tel: 02920 823593/Fax: 02920 823352

**NORTHERN  
IRELAND** Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section,  
Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast,  
BT4 3SB.  
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

5. **DISCLAIMER**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 Global Animal Health Division via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>

