

EXPORT OF OFFAL AND EDIBLE BY-PRODUCTS FROM SUS SCROFA DOMESTICA TO CHILE - 8887NFG

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the accompanying export certificate 8887EHC. 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

Chile's Competent Authority has agreed that 8887EHC may be used for export from the United Kingdom of offal and edible by-products of domestic pigs originating from the UK, or of domestic pigs that have been legally imported into the UK and meet the required animal health conditions.

As per the Chilean latest regulation on the import conditions for offal and edible by-products (Resolución exenta N° 6.942/2024), offal and edible by-products include the following products:

*Liver, heart, kidney, stomach, *intestines (unsalted), aorta, sweetbreads (thymus and thyroid), oesophagus, tongue, pancreas, trachea, glottis (middle part of the larynx; the area where the vocal cords are located), bladder, penis and uterus.*

* for export of casings (i.e. pig intestines which, after cleaning, have been processed by scraping, degreasing and washing, and have been treated with salt) to Chile, exporters must use 4302EHC.

All establishments processing offal and edible by-products from *Sus scrofa domestica* for export to Chile must be specifically registered with the government of Chile Agriculture and Livestock Service, referred to as SAG. Please refer to paragraph 10 of these notes for further information.

2. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DISPATCHED CONSIGNMENT

I.3 - Central Competent Authority

If not pre-populated, this should be entered as Defra..

I.4 - Local Competent Authority

If not pre-populated, this should be entered as Animal and Plant Health Agency or DAERA if exporting from Northern Ireland.

I.7 - Country ISO Codes

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes. The two letter ISO Code for the whole of the United Kingdom is 'GB' and should be entered at Box I.7.

I.8 and I.10 - intentionally struck through

I.16 - Entry Point

This refers to the port/airport of entry into Chile where the goods and documents will be inspected.

I.22 - Commodities certified for human consumption

Select the tick box.

I.24 - For Export

Select the tick box.

I.25 - Identification of the commodities

Please enter the required information on the EHC.

CN Code

The Combined Nomenclature (CN) code for edible offal of swine (fresh, chilled or frozen) is 0206. Exporters may, however, wish to check the precise CN code for the commodity being exported.

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 (Defra), 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 ink of a different colour to that of the printing.

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

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.

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.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: provision of certified copies

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

4. AUTHORITY FOR CERTIFICATION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Principle 3 from the RCVS 10 Principles of Certification states:

A veterinarian should only sign certificates that are written in a language they understand.

The Chilean authorities have requested that the additional certificate in the Spanish language is also signed by an OV. The foreign text in this certificate is an official translation of the English text. Accordingly, certifying OVs are authorised by the Department to sign the Spanish language version of the export health certificate even if they do not fully understand the foreign text.

5. NOTIFIABLE/REPORTABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

In the case of offal and edible by-products derived solely from pigs of UK origin, OVs may certify sub-paragraphs II.1(a) first indent, II.1(b) first indent and II.1(c) first indent on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA CITC or via disease clearance procedures in DAERA.

The second indents of the above-mentioned sub-paragraphs should be deleted.

The Notifiable Disease Occurrence List (Form ET171) for Great Britain and Northern Ireland can be consulted at:

https://www.improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions-file.php?unique_id=6724f0d9f0067&file_type=Form&action=view

6. ORIGIN OF IMPORTED ANIMALS FROM WHICH THE EXPORTED PRODUCT IS DERIVED

For offal and edible by-products derived from animals legally imported into the UK, OVs must make appropriate checks of import documents to ensure that the animals were legally imported, from which country or zone they originated and that the country or zone of

origin meets the animal health conditions laid down in paragraph II.1 of the certificate, i.e. is recognised by the World Organisation of Animal Health as free from foot and mouth disease, classical swine fever and African swine fever.

NOTE: OV's must exercise the utmost caution in verifying details of traceability and animal origin for imported animals. Paragraph II.1 of the certificate may be certified **only** if OV's have all the required information and are fully confident to do so. Any supporting documentary evidence should be retained with the certified copy of the certificate in the OV's own records.

7. SLAUGHTER FOR DISEASE ERADICATION PURPOSES

Sub-paragraph II.2(b) may be certified on the basis of a health mark or an identification mark confirming that the animals from which the exported product is derived were healthy and did not originate from area or zone subject to disease control measures due to an outbreak of epizootic notifiable disease. .

Meat from establishments where a disease outbreak is suspected or confirmed may not enter the human food chain but must be disposed of by slaughterhouses as a Category 2 animal by-product, i.e. high-risk material containing potential contamination.

8. SLAUGHTER IN APPROVED ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER OFFICIAL CONTROL

Sub-paragraph II.2(c) may be certified on the basis of the health mark or identification mark and evidence that the slaughterhouse, cutting plant, meat products plant (if applicable) and cold store are officially approved and operating in accordance with assimilated Regulations Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004 and 2017/625.

In the UK, the primary food legislation providing the framework for all food legislation in England, Wales and Scotland is The Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended). Similar legislation applies in Northern Ireland.

Enforcement of assimilated General Food Law Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and implementation and enforcement of the assimilated EU Hygiene Regulations is provided through secondary legislation in England by The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended) and parallel legislation in Wales and Scotland. In Northern Ireland it is provided by The Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (as amended).

These Regulations are enforced in the UK by the Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland.

9. APPROVAL OF PREMISES FOR EXPORT TO CHILE - REGISTERED ESTABLISHMENTS

Sub-paragraph II.2(d) refers. All UK-approved slaughterhouses, cutting plants, processing plants and cold stores must have received prior approval from the Chilean authorities before any exports can take place.

Such approval does not involve a bespoke inspection, however all establishments in the supply chain for the meat/product (slaughterhouse, cutting plant, meat products plant (if applicable) and cold store) must be operating in accordance with UK food hygiene

legislation i.e. they are, as a minimum, officially approved by the UK and are listed for export to Chile and the meat/product bears the oval mark.

Exports from the establishment may commence only after SAG has confirmed that it appears on the list of registered establishments. To view all UK sites currently approved to export to Chile, please follow the instructions below:

1. Select the following link: <https://www.sag.gob.cl/ambitos-de-accion/establecimientos-pecuarios-habilitados-para-la-importacion>
2. Review the country list on the Livestock establishments authorized for importation page, until you have located Reino Unido (UK). A Spanish Excel spreadsheet should be available under Reino Unido (UK).
3. Select the Excel spreadsheet available under Reino Unido (UK) and filter the document to view all registered UK establishments.

It is the responsibility of the exporter and the OV to ensure prior to export that **all** establishments included in Section I of the certificate are listed as designated establishments.

Further advice regarding approval of existing premises and new approvals may be obtained from the CITC via the following link:

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

or, in the case of export from Northern Ireland, from the DAERA Trade Administration Team for meat and dairy exports by e-mail at: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or telephone 028 77442 060.

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 responsibility of the exporter to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country.

If the permit or advice do not match the assurances provided on 8887EHC, in the case of export from Great Britain, the exporter should contact the CITC at exports@apha.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301.

For export from Northern Ireland, exporters should contact in the first instance their local DAERA Direct Regional office.