EXPORT OF ANIMAL DERIVED MATERIALS INTENDED FOR IN-VITRO AND/OR LABORATORY USE ONLY FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - 6102EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated documents: 6102EHC

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 6102EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6102EHC. 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**

This certificate may be used to support the export of animal derived materials intended only for in-vitro and/or laboratory use from the following intermediate countries:

- European Union (EU) Member States;
- Japan;

to the USA, either in its original state or following some form of manipulation (consolidation, re-packaging, mixing, processing etc.) in the intermediate country.

Note therefore that this certificate is not intended to support the entry of the material into the intermediate country itself. That is, this certificate does not provide for entry into the intermediate countries of animal derived materials intended for in-vitro and/or laboratory use from the UK. It instead enables a UK OV to provide additional official veterinary certification to support official veterinarians in the intermediate country certifying the final product for export from their country to the USA.

Exporters must therefore confirm, via their contacts in the intermediate country, if the authorities of the intermediate country require any additional veterinary certification or other documentation in order for the material to enter their territory.

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, 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.

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

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.

3. DESTINATION OF THE PRODUCTS

Paragraph III (a) refers. This paragraph must be completed with the name of the intermediate country referred to in paragraph 1 above.

4. HEALTH INFORMATION

Paragraph IV refers. This paragraph must be completed with the information required to support the re-export of the material (or the export of the end product made using the material) from the intermediate country to the USA.

This information would typically be set out in the USDA import permit or it may be laid down in standard APHIS guidelines or it may be contained within official correspondence addressed to the American importer.

However, because of the potential commercial confidentiality issues, it may not always be possible for the UK exporter to obtain a copy of the abovementioned documentation. In such cases, the certifying OV will need to rely on the certification requirements provided by the exporter through their commercial and official contacts in the intermediate country or the USA.

If there is not enough room for all the necessary information relating to the consignment on the 6102EHC, please continue on additional sheets. In such cases, the paragraphs in question should then be annotated "Continued on the attached additional schedule(s)". Each page of the additional schedule should bear a page number and the health certificate number, and must be stamped, signed and dated. The schedule(s) must be stapled with the certificate and the certifying official should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule(s) and certificate. One corner of the schedule(s) and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any unused/blank spaces at these paragraphs and/or on the schedules should be deleted with diagonal lines.

5. MANUFACTURER DECLARATION

The exporter must supply a declaration signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the

declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2012 states that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated". Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

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, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha

DAERA – Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk