

EXPORT OF DAY-OLD CHICKS, TURKEY POULTS OR HATCHING EGGS OF THESE SPECIES TO ZAMBIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

1. Scope of the certificate.

This certificate is for the export of day-old chicks, turkey poults or hatching eggs of either chickens or turkeys to Zambia.

2. Official Signature

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

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.

3. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV a) and b) refer.

Paragraphs IV a) and b) may be certified by the OV provided they have received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent by (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade Exports in Carlisle) or the relevant issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland before shipment.

With reference to paragraphs a)(ii) and b), the exporter must provide information to the issuing office about the location of the hatchery and all relevant flocks of origin.

In IV a), the 'region' option can be certified when the flocks of origin and hatchery, at the time the eggs/birds are moved from the premises, were not located in a 10km disease control zone in place for the control of notifiable avian influenza from the date the zone was restricted until the EU lifting date.

4. **Examination of chicks**

Paragraph IV c) refers. The examination must take place within 24 hours of export.

5. **Poultry Health Scheme membership**

Paragraph II b), c) and IV d) refers. The Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) in GB and the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS) in Northern Ireland implement Council Directive 2009/158/EC. Any flock or hatchery which is a current member of the PHS or NIPHAS therefore complies with the requirements of Directive 2009/158/EC (as amended), including routine official veterinary inspection visits. Paragraph IV d) may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to them before shipment.

6. **Flock Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV f) and g) refer. Paragraph f) refers to the state of health of the flock(s) around the time of lay, and paragraph g) refers to the regular monthly OV inspection or a pre-export health inspection closer to the time of despatch of the eggs, chicks or poults. 'Signs of disease' should be interpreted as clinical signs as well as information from production and mortality records, laboratory reports and pathological examinations. The OV may certify these paragraphs on the basis of one or more inspection visits by the flock veterinarian, supported by reports from the flock manager.

In the case of paragraph g), if flocks have been depopulated more than 28 days prior to the date of export of the eggs, chicks or poults, the paragraph may be certified on the basis of an examination of the flock(s) by the flock veterinarian immediately prior to depopulation.

7. **Disinfection of the eggs**

Paragraph IV h) refers. The eggs must be disinfected as soon as possible after collection, in accordance with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Article 6.5.5.

8. **Support certification**

Paragraphs IV e) and f) refer. In cases where the OV is not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin, they may certify the statements

referring to those flocks on the basis of a support certificate (329SUP) provided by the veterinarian who is regularly responsible for those flocks. The support health certificate will be issued by APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle in GB, or the relevant DAERA office in Northern Ireland at the same time as the export health certificate.

9. **Inspection of Packaging**

Paragraph IV i) refers. The OV should be satisfied that the boxes and separators used to pack the day-old birds/hatching eggs are clean and used for the first time either based on a declaration from the exporting company and/or their personal knowledge of the company practices based on inspection visits.

9. **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

10. **Welfare**

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency:

Welfare in Transport Team
Centre for International Trade
Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.