

## **EXPORT OF DAY-OLD CHICKS TO UGANDA**

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

#### **1. Scope of the certificate**

This certificate may be used for the export of day-old chicks of domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) to Uganda.

#### **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.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in any 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](mailto: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. **Poultry Health Scheme**

Paragraphs IV a) and c) refer. The Poultry Health Scheme refers to the PHS operating in Great Britain or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS). Membership may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent before dispatch by the APHA Centre for International Trade, or the issuing DAERA office. The OV should check the flock records to confirm that all the results received during the previous 6 months have been negative.

4. **Flock Disease Clearance**

In paragraph IV d), 'evidence' shall be interpreted as including clinical signs, information derived from flock production and mortality records, laboratory test reports and pathological examinations.

5. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV f) and g) may be certified provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to them by the APHA Centre for International Trade or in the case of Northern Ireland, a similar written authority must be obtained from the issuing office in Northern Ireland.

These paragraphs require that no cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) or Newcastle disease (ND) have been confirmed within 25km of the flocks of origin or the hatchery during the past 30 days. Exports may resume from this area after 30 days following the confirmation date, provided that the premises are not within an active disease control zone in place due to an outbreak of HPAI or ND.

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](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)

7. **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

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Welfare in Transport Team  
Centre for International Trade  
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E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

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