

EXPORT OF DAY OLD DUCKLINGS TO MAURITIUS

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

1. Scope of the certificate.

This certificate is for the export of day old ducklings to Mauritius.

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

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. **Import Permit**

Exporters should be aware that all live animals, products of animal origin for human and non-human consumption imported into Mauritius should be accompanied by an Import Permit delivered by the Livestock and Veterinary Division. The permit number and its date must be inserted in paragraph III c) and d) respectively.

4. **Vaccination**

Paragraph IV b) (ii) refers. The vaccination of poultry for avian influenza is prohibited by The Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals Order, except in extreme circumstances such as providing the opportunity for zoo birds of special genetic or conservation value to be vaccinated to ensure their preservation.

5. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV a), b) (i), and g) refer. These paragraphs may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided they have received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent by the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or from DAERA in Northern Ireland, before shipment. The exporter must provide detail of the premises of origin.

Authority to certify IV a) and b) (i) will be given when the premises are not within a zone subject to restrictions for the control of HPAI or Newcastle disease.

To certify paragraph IV g), at any time when the UK is not free from area restrictions for avian influenza or Newcastle disease, a route plan must be provided by the exporter, and the issuing office will verify that it does not cross any restricted areas.

6. **Flock Disease Clearance**

At paragraphs IV b) (iii), c) and d), 'evidence' should be interpreted as including clinical signs, information from flock production and mortality records, laboratory test reports and pathological examinations.

7. **Poultry Health Scheme Membership**

Paragraph IV e) refers. A government supervised poultry health scheme refers to the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) in GB or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS) in Northern Ireland.

Membership of the PHS/NIPHAS may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent by the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or from DAERA in Northern Ireland, before despatch. Note that the 618NDC form will confirm solely that the premises is a current scheme member. With respect to the conditions of incubation, the OV should certify this on the basis of their own observations in the hatchery.

8. **Flock additions**

Paragraph IV f) refers. The OV must certify this statement on the basis of their knowledge of the flock(s) of origin, supported by any necessary checks on the flock movement records. The OV at the hatchery may need to use a support statement from the veterinarian at the flock of origin, as below.

9. **Support certification**

Paragraphs IV b) (ii) and (iii), c), d) 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 (525SUP) provided by the veterinarian who is regularly responsible for those flocks. The support health certificate

will be provided at the same time as the export health certificate.

10. **Clinical inspection**

Paragraph IV h) refers. The inspection must be within 24 hours of the intended time of departure.

11. **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

12. **Welfare in Transport**

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.