

## **EXPORT OF CHICKEN HATCHING EGGS AND DAY-OLD CHICKS TO PAKISTAN**

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

#### **1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 3808EHC may be used for the export of hatching eggs or day-old birds of the domestic chicken species (*Gallus gallus*) from the United Kingdom to Pakistan.

#### **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.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with 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](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. **IMPORT PERMIT**

Exporters should be aware that an import permit must be obtained from the Government of Pakistan.

4. **FORM III CONDITIONS**

The Pakistan import conditions require the exporting authorities to complete and certify 'Form III' issued by the Pakistan Animal Quarantine Department. The Form III conditions are transposed into the 3808EHC, and the OV should certify all these paragraphs in the normal way following the guidance in these notes. Any document received from Pakistan must not be certified using the OV stamp.

5. **FLOCK HEALTH HISTORY**

Paragraph IV a) refers. 'Evidence' should be interpreted as including clinical signs, information derived from flock production and mortality records, laboratory test reports and pathological examinations.

6. **POULTRY HEALTH SCHEME MEMBERSHIP**

Paragraphs IV b), d) and e) refer. Membership may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent before despatch. The OV should personally check the flock records to confirm that all the results received during the previous 6 months have been negative, to cover the statements in all 3 paragraphs.

7. **DISINFECTION OF INCUBATORS**

Paragraph IV c) refers. The OV should certify this paragraph on the basis of his/her knowledge of the hatchery practice and procedures, supported as necessary by written records.

8. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE**

Paragraphs IV f) and g) refer. These paragraphs may be certified on behalf of the Department provided that the OV has received written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to them before shipment by the APHA Centre for International Trade, or from DAERA in Northern Ireland.

For paragraph IV f) and g), the flocks of origin/ hatchery must not be located within 25km of a premises confirmed with HPAI or ND during the 3 months prior to export, or within any active disease control zone at the time of certification.

9. **SALMONELLOSIS CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV h) refers. The statutory regulation referred to is the Poultry Breeding Flocks and Hatcheries Order 2007. The OV should confirm by inspecting the laboratory reports that the results have been consistently negative for the past 6 months. If the flock has not been in lay for so long, the paragraph may be certified on the basis that there have not been any positive results during the life of the flock.

10. **CLINICAL INSPECTION**

The inspection at paragraph IV j) applies only to day-old chicks. The paragraph should be deleted in the case of hatching eggs.

The flock inspection at paragraph IV k) should not exceed 30 days prior to export. When a flock is inspected, 'clinical signs' should be interpreted as including information derived from flock production and mortality records, laboratory test reports and pathological examinations. This does not need to be carried out by the same individual as certifying the EHC.

11. **SUPPORT CERTIFICATION**

When the flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian, they should complete form 3808SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in paragraphs IV a), b), d), e), h) and k) of 3808EHC are complied with.

12. **NO PARAGRAPH 'i'**

The omission of paragraph IV i) is deliberate to avoid confusion, as the symbol 'i' is used to number indented paragraphs.

13. **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)

14. **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.