

## **EXPORT OF DAY OLD DOMESTIC FOWL TO ETHIOPIA**

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

#### **ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS 6341EHC, 6341SUP AND 6341NFG**

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

This certificate can be used for the export of day old chicks of the domestic fowl species (*Gallus gallus*) to Ethiopia.

##### **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. **Support Certification**

Paragraphs IV b), c), d), e), f), g), h), i) and k) 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 (6341SUP) 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, or the relevant issuing office in Northern Ireland at the same time as the export health certificate.

4. **Means of Transportation**

Paragraph III b) refers. The OV should write 'air' and provide the flight number.

5. **Inspection of the flocks of origin**

Paragraphs IV b), c), d) and e) refer. Signs of disease should be understood to include clinical signs, data from production and mortality records, laboratory results and pathological examinations.

The routine surveillance referred to in paragraph c) would be satisfied if the flocks are subject to regular veterinary inspection visits at frequent intervals.

6. **Vaccination of the flocks of Origin**

Paragraphs IV f) and k) refer. The declaration from the owner/exporter should not be attached to the health certificate, but must be retained by the OV for record purposes. However the OV may attach a sheet showing the flock vaccination programme if appropriate.

In paragraph f) the OV should delete 'day old chicks', unless they have been vaccinated against all 3 conditions (Marek's disease, infectious bursal disease and Newcastle disease). Ethiopia does not require that the chicks must be vaccinated, or that it must be certified. This does not preclude the use of one or two or all of these vaccines in day old chicks.

The detail concerning the seed stock for coccidiosis vaccine in paragraph k) may be supplied by the veterinarian who is normally responsible for the flock(s) of origin. The flock veterinarian should provide the information in the support certificate 6341SUP (see paragraph 3 above).

7. **Harmful substances in the feed**

Paragraph IV g) refers. The OV must certify this paragraph in respect of the day old chicks on the basis of their personal knowledge of procedures at the hatchery. In respect of the flocks of origin the OV may certify on the basis of a written statement (on certificate 6341SUP) from the veterinarian who is regularly responsible for the flocks of origin.

Regarding the possibility of any antibiotic treatment of the flocks of origin, the flock veterinarian should confirm by checking the medicines record book, or other equivalent and appropriate records, that no treatment has been administered.

8. **Sanitisation of the hatching eggs at collection**

Paragraph IV h) refers. Hatching eggs should be cleaned and sanitised as soon as possible after collection in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The OV may certify this paragraph on the basis of a written declaration from the owner/exporter. The written declaration must not be attached to the health certificate, but must be retained by the OV for record purposes.

9. **Poultry health scheme testing for Salmonellas**

Paragraph IV i) refers. Flocks must be routinely tested for both *S.pullorum* and *S.gallinarum* with negative results. Approved hatcheries may only accept eggs from flocks that are tested and approved. All of the conditions in the Directive are fully implemented in GB by the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS), and in Northern Ireland by the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS).

Current membership of the PHS or NIPHAS will be confirmed in a written statement (form 618NDC) which will be sent to the OV by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or by DAERA in Northern Ireland) before shipment.

10. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraph IV j) refers. Freedom of the premises of origin (both farms and hatchery) from Newcastle disease and notifiable avian influenza may be certified by the OV provided that they have received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to them by (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or the relevant issuing office in Northern Ireland) before shipment.

Concerning vaccination for avian influenza, 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.

11. **Owner's declaration about shipping containers**

Paragraph IV l) refers. The declaration must not be attached to the health certificate, but must be retained by the OV for record purposes, in common with the owner's declarations for paragraphs IV f), g) and h).

12. **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)

13. **Welfare during travel**

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.