

No:

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ISRAEL

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 4058EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 4058EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 4058EHC may be used for the export of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to Israel.

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 an 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**

An import permit must be obtained from the Director of Veterinary Services and Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture, POB 12 Beit Dagan 50250, Israel (Fax: 9723 9605194) or, Ramla Quarantine Station, P O Box 63, Ramla, Israel (Fax: 9728 9229906).

If an import permit is required, application should be made in writing at least 10 days in advance of the date of export, and should include the following details of the animal to be exported:- species, breed, age, sex, country of origin and expected date of arrival in Israel. The application should be made by a person living in Israel.

The permit, if granted, shall specify the import conditions and veterinary requirements. On occasion the Israeli Authorities may include additional requirements in the import permit. This document should therefore be compared with the export health certification issued by APHA. Should you find that there are additional requirements incorporated in the import permit, please forward a copy of the import permit to APHA as soon as possible so that we may provide the additional assurances.

4. **QUARANTINE**

Dogs and cats that are healthy on arrival and accompanied by the required documentation, will not require a period of quarantine in Israel.

5. **CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

Paragraph IV(a) refers. The examination should be carried out within 5 days of the export date.

6. **RABIES VACCINATION AND SEROLOGY**

Paragraphs IV (b) (i), (b) (ii), (c) and (d) refer. It is expected that the animals are vaccinated and the serology carried out, as exporters are reminded that this will be required for re-entry to the UK. The blood test, a neutralising antibody titration test, must be carried out by an officially authorised laboratory. A list of approved rabies serology laboratories in the UK can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rabies-blood-testing-laboratories-in-the-uk>

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV. d) refers. This paragraph may be certified provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the issuing office on form 618NDC (or the equivalent in Northern Ireland).

8. **RESTRICTED ANIMALS**

Restricted Dogs

The following dogs belonging to a dangerous breed, and their crosses are prohibited from being imported into Israel:-

American Staffordshire Bull Terrier (Amstaff)
Argentinian Dogo
Japanese Tosa
Staffordshire Bull Terrier (English Staff)
Pitt Bull Terrier
Brazilian Fila
Rottweiler

Restricted Cats

According to the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, Bengal cats cannot be imported into Israel.

9. **OWNER'S DECLARATION**

Paragraph IV(e) refers. The exporter/owner of the animal(s) is required to provide the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN with a declaration which states that the cats/dogs have been in the possession of the exporter/owner for the 90 days prior to export, and that the cats/dogs will be at least 3 months of age at the date of export.

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.

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>

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