

No:

EXPORT OF ZOO RUMINANTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7793EHC and 7793SUP. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7793EHC and 7793SUP. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary and/or health authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

This certificate is for the export of zoo ruminants specifically allowed by the US through the issue of import permits (see below) and which usually requires extensive negotiation between the two competent authorities from the United Kingdom to the United States of America.

2. IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

An import permit must have been obtained from the APHIS USDA and must be attached to the export health certificate.

3. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation. - OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK** each page should also be signed, dated and stamped, together with all associated documentation (e.g. laboratory reports, if applicable).

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to The issuing office, in GB - Animal and Plant Health Agency - Centre for International Trade (APHA -CIT) in Carlisle and in the case of Northern Ireland to the local DARD office within seven days of signing.

The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

4. INSPECTION

The inspection referred to in part II paragraph 6 must be carried out within 24 hours of the intended time of export.

5. IDENTIFICATION

Part I box no. 21 refers. The animals to be exported must be individually identified. The method used identification must be entered at the table for each animal or a common entry if all the animals are identified in the same manner.

6. **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH RECORDS**

Individual health records including details of vaccinations, tests and treatments of each animal, must be attached to the veterinary certificate.

7. **TESTS AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

Part II Paragraph 7 refers.

Tuberculin test: Tests in zoo ruminants have not been validated and the interpretation of the reaction is open to question. Therefore, the normal comparative intradermal test in the mid cervical region using bovine and avian PPD tuberculins must be applied. However, only the bovine reaction should be considered when interpreting the test results, as follows: animals showing an increase in the skin fold thickness greater than 2 mm or the presence of oedema 72 hours after tuberculin injection (i.e. a positive bovine reaction) must not be certified. The avian reaction must be ignored, but it will have to be taken into account (and recorded on the TB test chart) to assess whether any TB restrictions under national requirements are necessary, for which the standard test interpretation will be used.

Brucellosis (B. abortus): Samples must be sent to APHA, Weybridge

Malignant Catarrhal Fever (MCF) USDA APHIS will accept samples tested at the Institute for Virology in Giessen, Germany - https://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/fbz/fb10/institute_klinikum/institute/institute-for-virology?set_language=en - for both the SNT and the PCR.

Bluetongue Virus (BTV): Samples must be sent to the Pirbright Institute and the cELISA (for the serogroup) specifically requested. USDA APHIS is content to accept the result even if the test has not been accredited.

Schmallenberg Virus (SBV): Samples must be sent to APHA, Weybridge.

Samples should always be sent to the laboratory concerned sufficiently in advance of the export date to enable the test to be carried out and reported. If in doubt as to the procedures for collection, the requirement for transport medium if any, dispatch of samples and length of time a test is likely to take, the OV should seek the advice of the relevant laboratory.

8. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify Part II paragraph 8 on behalf of the Department provided written authority has been obtained from APHA-CIT, Carlisle or DARD on form 618NDC.

9. **EXPORTER'S DECLARATIONS**

Part II paragraphs 1, 5 & 9 refer. Signed declarations should be provided to enable certifying these paragraphs. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence.

10. **C.I.T.E.S**

Insert CITES permit number in Part I box no. 13 of the certificate.

This certificate does not provide exemption from other legislation laid down for the protection or conservation of certain wild species, e.g. the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S.). Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Department at the following address:

Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (WLRS)
Zone 1/17, Temple Quay House, No.2 The Square, Temple Quay,
Bristol, BS1 6EB. Tel: 0117 372 8774. Fax: 0117 372 8206.

11. **TRANSPORT & WELFARE**

The crate/container transporting the animal must be sealed with a seal/s prior to departure and the number of seal/s recorded on the export health certificate at box 18. The crate must be sealed and checked before leaving the zoo. The seal should be intact when it arrives at the airport where the transfer to the aircraft must be supervised by an OV and the 7793SUP signed by an Official Government Veterinarian

Exporters must comply with the UK welfare laws relating to the export of animals. Welfare conditions during transport in the EU and from the EU are laid down by Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Further information on OIE and IATA transport recommendations may be obtained from the following offices:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DARD Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

DARD Helpline email dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk

DARD Textphone 028 9052 4420

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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

In Northern Ireland, contact the DARD trade administration team:
E-mail: tradeadminpost@dardni.gov.uk. Tel: 0289 0520989

