

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

In relation to 8895EHC titled:

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORTATION OF RENDERED FATS NOT INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION TO BE USED AS FEED MATERIAL TO THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

Associated Documents: 8895EHC and 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8895EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8895EHC. 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

This certificate may be used for the export to Türkiye of rendered fats intended for animal consumption.

For the purposes of this certificate the following definition of rendered fats, from the **assimilated Regulation (EC) 142/2011**, shall apply:

"`rendered fats' means either fats derived from the processing of:

- (a) animal by-products; or
- (b) products for human consumption, which an operator has destined for purposes other than human consumption".

For the purposes of this document, the following legislative references will be used:

- **assimilated Regulation (EC) 142/2011** refers to Regulation (EC) 142/2011 as assimilated into UK legislation, and published at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2011/142#>
- **assimilated Regulation (EC) 1069/2009** refers to Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 as assimilated into UK legislation, and published at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2009/1069#>
- **assimilated Regulation (EC) 999/2001** refers to Regulation (EC) 999/2001 as assimilated into UK legislation, and published at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2001/999#>

The principles and controls laid down under the **assimilated Regulation (EC) 1069/2009** and the **assimilated Regulation (EC) 142/2011** continue to be enforced and implemented by the **Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013** (as amended) and by equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

The principles and controls laid down under the assimilated Regulation (EC) 999/2001 continue to be enforced and implemented by the **Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2018** (as amended) and by equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

Foreign text: The Official Veterinarian should note that the foreign text in this certificate is an official translation of the English text and the Official Veterinarian is accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, even if they are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text. Any spaces in the foreign text must be left blank and English wording must not be entered. However, if the Official Veterinarian is able to read and write the foreign text and if facilities are available to enter the foreign text in type, the Official Veterinarian can enter the information where appropriate.

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 Export Health Certificates 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. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DESPATCHED CONSIGNMENT

I.2a - intentionally struck through.

I.3 - Central Competent Authority

This should be completed with "Defra".

I.4 - Local Competent Authority

For exports from Great Britain, this should be completed with "Animal and Plant Health Agency" or "APHA".

For exports from Northern Ireland, this should be completed with "Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs" or "DAERA".

I.6 - intentionally struck through.

I.7 - Country of origin and ISO Code

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

For the purposes of this certificate, the country of origin is the country in which the exported products were produced, manufactured, or packaged.

The name and 2-letter ISO code of the country of origin should be entered at **Box I.7**. For reference, the ISO Code for the whole of the **United Kingdom** is "GB".

I.8 - Region of origin

This paragraph may usually be struck through.

However, if the country of origin and the product fall within the scope of emergency disease control legislation laid down by the importing authorities then this paragraph will need to be completed with the appropriate region names and codes as required by the importing country.

Exporters are responsible for determining (via their contacts in the importing country) if their consignment falls within the scope of the importing country's emergency disease control legislation and, if so, to confirm how Box I.8 should therefore be completed.

In these cases, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade (CIT) in Carlisle or DAERA in Northern Ireland may be consulted for advice on the information obtained from the exporter's contacts in the importing country.

I.9 - Country of destination and ISO Code

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for **Türkiye** is "TR" and this should be entered at **Box I.9**.

I.10 - intentionally struck through.

I.11 - Place of origin

The UK manufacturing establishment must be approved in accordance with the **Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013** (as amended) or with parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These statutory instruments currently enforce and implement the principles and controls laid down under the **assimilated Regulation (EC) 1069/2009**.

Alternatively, the establishment may be approved in accordance with the **Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013** (as amended) or equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These statutory instruments continue to enforce and implement the principles and controls laid down under **assimilated Regulations (EC) 852/2004, 853/2004 and 2017/625**.

The approval number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval document or by reference to the responsible local APHA or DAERA office. OV's should enter the relevant approval or registration number in addition to the address of the premises of origin.

For products manufactured in processing plants outside of the UK, the approval number issued by the relevant competent authority in the country of origin should be entered. The OV should refer to relevant approval documentation, commercial documentation or veterinary certification relating to the legal importation of the product or its ingredients into the UK.

I.12 - intentionally struck through.

I.13 - Place of loading

The place of loading or the point of embarkation must be entered.

I.14 - Date of departure

The intended date of departure must be entered.

I.15 - Means of transport

The means of transport i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated. The option 'Other' is not applicable to the movement of products and should not be selected. The flight number, name of the vessel, the train number and rail car or the number plate of the road vehicle should be entered as the means of identification as appropriate.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the

intended point of entry.

Optionally, the number of the airway bill, bill of loading, or the commercial number of the train or road vehicle may be entered as the documentary reference.

I.16 - Entry BIP in TÜRKİYE

The exporter must advise the OV of the point of entry into the destination country and this must be entered.

I.17 - intentionally struck through.

I.18 - Description of commodity

A veterinary description of the goods or a description based on the applicable HS Code (see below) must be entered. For clarity, proprietary or brand names should be avoided.

I.19 - Commodity code (HS code)

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics. The most appropriate HS Code, which needs to take into account any guidance that might be included in the footnote of the certificate, should be entered in **Box I.19**.

Note: When a list of HS codes is provided in the footnote of the certificate, not all of the products covered by the HS Codes listed in the footnote will be eligible for export under the certificate.

Further information on HS Codes can be found online at:
<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>

The OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code used correctly describes the products being consigned.

I.20 - Quantity

Insert the total gross and net weights of the commodity in Kg.

I.21 - Temperature of products

Indicate whether the transport/storage temperature is ambient, chilled or frozen.

I.22 - Number of packages

Insert the number of packages in the consignment.

I.23 - Seal/container No.

Exporters are advised to check with the competent authority of the importing country if there are seal number requirements for their consignment. If applicable, please indicate all the identification numbers of the seals and containers.

Any guidance that might be included in the footnote of the certificate regarding Box I.23 has to be taken into account when completing the certificate.

I.24 - Type of packaging

Enter the type of packaging in the space provided.

I.25 - Commodities certified for

Indicate the intended use of the product, taking into account

any guidance which may be provided in the footnote of the certificate.

I.26 - intentionally struck through.

I.27 - For import or admission into TR

The box should be ticked to confirm that this is an import or admission as opposed to transshipment.

I.28 - Identification of the commodities

For the purposes of this certificate, the species referred to in the 1st column of **Box I.28** refers to the species from which the products were derived.

If the consignment consists of several different types of products then it may be necessary to use a separate schedule to identify the full consignment. The schedule must, as a minimum, contain the same information as that required in **Box I.28** of the certificate and this box must be annotated "See Attached Schedule".

Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also.

Any blank spaces in the schedule or in **Box I.28** should be deleted with diagonal lines.

Further to the guidance for **Box I.11** above, OVs should enter the relevant approval number of the manufacturing plant in addition to the other required information.

Any guidance that might be included in the footnote of the certificate regarding Box I.28 has to be taken into account when completing the certificate.

4. PART II - Health information

Taking into consideration the additional guidance below, the health attestation may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the **assimilated Regulation (EC) 1069/2009** and the **assimilated Regulation (EC) 142/2011** and familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the processing establishment and/or examination of relevant records and documentation including laboratory test results where relevant.

Note - The certifying OV should read the health information carefully to ensure that only permitted deletions are made. Deleting text that is ineligible for deletion could result in the consignment being detained or rejected.

II.1. - Satisfying the health requirements

This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the rest of the certificate can be certified.

II.2. - Not intended for human consumption

The certifying OV should make due enquiry to verify that the products in the consignment are not intended for human consumption. This may be supported by reference to relevant marketing literature and usage instructions.

II.3. - Approval and supervision of establishment

This paragraph may be certified on the basis of approval of the processing establishment in accordance with the guidance given for **Box I.11** above.

II.4. - Animal by-product ingredients

This paragraph must be completed to reflect the type of Category 3 animal by-products used in the manufacture of product present in the consignment.

If an option is not to be certified, it should be struck through in the usual manner.

The certifying OV should read the options carefully to ensure that only permitted deletions are made. Deleting text that is ineligible for deletion could result in the consignment being detained or rejected.

II.5. - Disease assurances

This paragraph requires that either certain notifiable disease freedom requirements are met, or that certain processing and procedural requirements are met.

Paragraph II.5 may be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle, on form 618NDC.

If it is not possible to certify para II.5 because the disease assurances cannot be met for the species concerned, this paragraph may be certified if the rendered fats have been subjected to the processing standards set out in the paragraph and the recording and maintenance conditions for the establishment's critical control points have been met. This may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the processes in place at the production establishment, supported as necessary by relevant documentation or production records.

Any options which are not to be certified should be struck through in the usual manner.

11.6 - Rendered fats derived from ruminant animals - purification requirements

For consignments containing rendered fats derived from ruminant animals, this may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the processes in place at the production establishment, supported as necessary by relevant documentation or production records.

Note that there is no provision for this paragraph to be deleted if the consignment does not contain any rendered fats derived from ruminant animals. This paragraph must therefore not be deleted if that is the case.

11.7(a) - Processing requirements

This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the product has been processed in accordance with the terms of the establishment's approval, as described in the guidance for **Box I.11** above.

II.8. - Ruminant origin material and Specified Risk Material

For consignments which do NOT contain any ruminant material, the entire paragraph **II.8** should be struck through in the usual manner.

For consignments which DO contain ruminant material, the appropriate options under paragraph **II.8** must be certified.

The certifying OV should read all the options carefully to ensure that only permitted deletions are made. Deleting text that is ineligible for deletion or deleting the wrong text could result in the consignment being detained or rejected.

1st and 2nd indents: Ruminant species involved

If the raw material was derived from ruminant animals other than bovine, ovine or caprine animals, the **1st indent** must be certified. The **2nd indent**, including its subsequent indents, should be struck through in the usual manner.

If the raw material was derived from bovine, ovine or caprine animals, the **2nd indent** must be certified, together with the relevant subsequent indent or indents depending on whether the ruminant material:

Either

- Was derived from bovine, ovine or caprine animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region classified as posing a negligible BSE risk in accordance with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

The UK comprises three separate zones in respect of BSE status in accordance with the WOAH (formerly OIE) Terrestrial Code. These are England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. All zones in the UK are currently recognised as having negligible BSE risk **with effect from June 2025 by the WOAH.**

The BSE risk status of a country or region assigned by WOAH can be seen by using the "Official Disease Status" link on WOAH's website:

<https://www.woah.org/en/disease/bovine-spongiform-encephalopathy/#ui-id-1>

Or

- Does not contain any:
 - specified risk material;
 - mechanically separated meat, other than from animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region classified as posing a negligible BSE risk in accordance with the WOAH;
 - material obtained from bovine, ovine or caprine animals subjected to pithing or a similar stunning method, other than animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region classified as posing a negligible BSE risk in accordance with the WOAH.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "**specified risk material**" means the following tissues:

- the skull excluding the mandible and including the brain and eyes, and the spinal cord of bovine animals aged over 12 months from any country;
- the vertebral column excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the spinous and transverse processes of the cervical, thoracic and lumbar vertebrae and the median sacral crest and wings of the sacrum, but including the dorsal root ganglia, of bovine animals aged over 30 months from a country or region with an undetermined or controlled BSE risk status in accordance with the WOH;A;
- the tonsils, the last four meters of the small intestine, the caecum and the mesentery of bovine animals of all ages from a country or region with an undetermined or controlled BSE risk status in accordance with the WOH;A;
- the skull including the brain and eyes, and the spinal cord of ovine and caprine animals aged over 12 months or which have a permanent incisor erupted through the gum from any country;

If the "either" option on the **2nd indent** is selected then the "or" option on the **2nd indent** should be struck through in the usual manner. If the "or" option on the **2nd indent** is selected then the "either" option on the **2nd indent** should be struck through in the usual manner.

If the **2nd indent** and subsequent indent or indents are certified, then the **1st indent** should be struck through in the usual manner.

II.9 - Milk or milk products from ovine or caprine animals

For consignments which:

- either -**DO NOT** contain any milk or milk products from ovine or caprine animals
- or - are **not intended** for feeding to farmed animals other than fur animals

the **1st indent** should be certified, and the entire **2nd indent** and its subsequent indents should be struck through in the usual manner.

This statement can be certified where the certifying veterinarian can establish the conditions are met through inspection, familiarity with the plant operations and supported by a valid declaration from the exporter in particular in relation to species of origin and intended purpose for export.

For consignments which:

- DO** contain milk or milk products from ovine or caprine animals,
- and**
- are intended for feeding to farmed animals other than fur animals.

the **2nd indent** and its subsequent indents should be certified as appropriate, and the **1st indent** should be struck through in the usual manner.

The certifying veterinarian must establish the species of origin and intended purpose for export through inspection, familiarity with the plant operations and supported by a valid declaration from the exporter.

Paragraphs (a) (i) to (a) (v) of the **2nd indent** may be certified on the basis of the scrapie-related controls laid down under the **Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2018** (as amended) and by equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

To certify (b) and (c), details of the holding(s) of origin of the milk would be required, but this is unlikely to be available or practical to obtain, in which case this option cannot be certified.

If the details of the holding(s) of origin of the milk can be obtained, **paragraphs (b) and (c)** of the **2nd indent** may be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle, on form 618NDC, and compliance with the monitoring of ovine and caprine animals enforced by the **Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2018** (as amended) and by equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

5. SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS

Where declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process and/or declared intended use. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

6. DISCLAIMER

This certificate and these notes are 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 (CIT) - Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#customer-service-centres-csc>

In Northern Ireland, please contact the DAERA trade administration team:

- e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk
- Phone - 02877442146