

## EXPORT OF DAY-OLD POULTRY AND POULTRY HATCHING EGGS TO TURKMENISTAN

### 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 8900EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8900EHC. 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 covers the export of day-old poultry and poultry hatching eggs to Turkmenistan.

'Poultry' refers to chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese.

#### **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.

OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the 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 Certificate System (DECS) 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 Licence**

Exporters are responsible for ascertaining whether an import permit is a compulsory requirement in the importing country, and if so, for ensuring that they, or the importer in case of transfer of ownership, have obtained the necessary permit.

4. **Country(ies) of transit**

Section 1.4: This refers to any country of transit, including EU member states, through which the consignment will pass on its way to the final destination.

5. **Organisation in the exporting country issuing this certificate**

Section 1.9: This should be printed as: 'ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY' for consignments certified in Great Britain OR 'DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS OF NORTHERN IRELAND' for consignments certified in Northern Ireland.

6. **Customs border crossing point**

Section 1.10: This refers to the point of entry into Turkmenistan. The OV must ask the exporter for this information.

7. **Establishment details**

Section 3.1: The PHS/NIPHAS approval numbers must be included in addition to the name and address(es) of the premises).

8. **Clinical inspection**

Section 4.1 (first part): Day-old poultry for export must be inspected by the certifying Official Veterinarian and found to be clinically healthy and free from any clinical symptoms of poultry diseases.

9. **Disease assurances**

Section 4.1 (indents): Assurance must be given for the holdings of origin (farms and hatcheries) concerning diseases relevant to that species, as stated in the certificate.

For Newcastle disease (ND) and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), please see the section 10 of these Notes for guidance (Notifiable Disease Clearance).

For chicken and turkey exports: Farms of origin must not have had any cases of ornithosis (psittacosis), paramyxovirus infection, infectious bronchitis, infectious laryngotracheitis, infectious encephalomyelitis, turkey rhinotracheitis during the last 12 months. This can be verified by farm records, with an attestation from the flock vet if required.

For Duck and goose exports: Farms of origin must not have had any

cases of ornithosis (psittacosis), duck plague, Derzsy's disease, duck virus hepatitis during the last 12 months. This can be verified by farm records, with an attestation from the flock vet if required.

10. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

The first indent of 4.1 refers. This may be certified by the OV on the basis of written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to them by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or the relevant issuing office in Northern Ireland) before shipment, based on information provided at the time of application.

Origin farms at the time of egg collection, and hatcheries at the time of hatching, must be outside the area of any restricted zones in place due to an outbreak of the ND or HPAI.

11. **Serological tests for Salmonella Pullorum antigens**

Paragraph 4.2 refers. Applicable only to chickens and turkeys. This paragraph can be certified based on membership and compliance with the Poultry Health Scheme or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme. Flock membership of PHS/NIPHAS will be confirmed by the issuing office of APHA/DAERA.

12. **Flock vaccinations**

Paragraph 4.3 refers. Vaccinations administered to the flock of origin must be detailed in a sheet attached to the health certificate.

13. **Marek's Vaccination**

Paragraph 4.4 refers. Marek's disease vaccination is not applicable for exports of hatching eggs, or of export of day-old chicks other than of the chicken species.

14. **Egg disinfection**

Paragraph 4.6 refers. Disinfection at the farm can be verified by the flock veterinarian. Methods do not need to be indicated within the certificate.

15. **Packaging and transport conditions**

Paragraphs 4.8 and 4.9 refer. In order to certify these paragraphs, it is necessary for the OV to personally observe the packing materials and the internal compartment of the vehicles used for transport.

Eggs or day-old poultry for export must be packed in new or sanitised containers suitable for the commodity being exported.

Under the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and its equivalent in the devolved regions, vehicles carrying live poultry must be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading. The OV may certify the paragraph if, in their professional judgement, the methods are adequate and effective.

16. **Support certification**

When the flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian, they should complete form 8900SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in the flocks of origin are complied with.

17. **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.

18. **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:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

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