

EXPORT OF POULTRY MEAT (INCLUDING RAW MEAT PREPARATIONS), MEAT PRODUCTS AND MECHANICALLY SEPERATED POULTRY MEAT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO KENYA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTERS

Associated Documents: 8872EHC, 8872NFG (this document) and 618NDC

1. IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to the Official Veterinarian (OV) and the exporter. The NFG should have been issued to you together with its related export health certificate. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the health certificate. 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.

2. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate (8872EHC) may be used for the export of poultry meat including raw meat preparations, meat products and mechanically separated poultry meat for human consumption to Kenya.

3. 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.

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 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.

4. **IMPORT PERMIT**

Exporters are responsible for ascertaining whether an import permit is a compulsory requirement in the importing country, and if so, for ensuring that the importer has obtained the necessary permit.

5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraphs IV a) and c) refer. These statements may be signed on behalf of the Department provided the OV is in receipt of written authority from APHA (for Great Britain, on Form 618NDC) or DAERA (for Northern Ireland) which will be sent to the OV before shipment. The authority will relate to premises only within the United Kingdom.

Paragraph a) requires that the premises (farms) of origin of the birds from which the meat is derived is, at the time of slaughter, outside of any disease control zone in place due to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) or Newcastle disease (ND).

Paragraph c) refers to specific restrictions at the slaughter, cutting, processing and storage premises. Authority to certify would be given for premises located outside of any disease control zones in force.

For origin premises located in another country, freedom from these notifiable diseases must be certified on the basis of the assurances in the health certificate under which the birds/meat were imported into UK, or after receiving official written confirmation of the official disease freedom status of the country/region/premises of origin from the veterinary authority of the country of origin.

6. **HEALTH STATUS OF BIRDS**

Paragraph IV b) refers. Paragraph b) may be certified on the basis of the oval identification mark. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) in England and Wales, Food Standard Scotland (FSS) or DAERA in Northern Ireland are responsible for ensuring that all poultry intended for human consumption is subject to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection. All poultry meat which has passed official control inspections will carry the approved oval identification mark on the packaging, as laid down in the UK meat hygiene Regulations, (The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013, and the equivalent in the devolved regions).

7. **PREPARATION OF THE EXPORT COMMODITY**

Paragraphs IV d) and g) refers. In the UK the food hygiene legislation is implemented by the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013, and its equivalent in the devolved regions.

If the carcass meat (or its packaging) has been marked with the official oval identification mark, the OV can assume that the meat has met all the requirements of the legislation and is fit for human consumption.

8. **CONTAMINATION AND SLAUGHTER CONDITIONS**

Paragraphs IV e) and f) refer. The OV must certify this paragraph on the basis of their personal knowledge and observations at the premises. If necessary the OV may consult the establishment's trading and manufacturing records, and/or ask for a written statement from the management of the establishment.

9. **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
vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha-vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)