

EXPORT OF CAT FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO MALDIVES

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 8919EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8919EHC. 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. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS: (Refer below for more detailed information)

- Import permit
- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA.
- Clinical examination within 72 hours of export.
- Vaccination against rabies not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export.
- Vaccinations against Feline calicivirus, Feline viral rhinotracheitis and Feline panleukopenia.
- Treatment for internal and external parasites within no more than 1 month and no less than 14 days prior to expected arrival.

PLEASE NOTE that officials in Maldives requires:

- For Import permit application: A copy of pet passport or vaccination card, showing clearly that the cat is vaccinated against Rabies Feline calicivirus, Feline viral rhinotracheitis and Feline panleukopenia.
- On arrival to Maldives: A copy of commercial invoice approved by Maldives Customs Services and a copy of the Airway bill or bill of landing must be submitted to the Quarantine Officer designated at the port of arrival on clearance of cat.

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**.

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 EHC 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

aPVPs certifying 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. IMPORT PERMIT

It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain an import permit from the veterinary authorities in Maldives.

4. TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES

It is the responsibility of the exporter/agent to apply to the relevant authorities of any transit countries through which the animal(s) will travel for permission to transport the animals through these countries. Additional health certificate(s) may be necessary for these transit countries.

5. VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENT

Paragraph III (c) refers. Cat must be vaccinated against rabies not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export. Details must be completed by OV on the EHC table. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate should be attached to the export health certificate.

Paragraph III (d) refers. Cat must have been vaccinated against Feline calicivirus, Feline viral rhinotracheitis and Feline panleukopenia, prior to dispatch, using licensed products in accordance with the manufacturer instructions. Details must be completed by OV on the EHC table. The cat must have received a primary course of vaccination against these diseases, and if necessary, have received booster vaccinations, in accordance with the directions on the data sheets for the products used as required.

Paragraph III (e) refers. The animal must have been treated for internal and external parasites within no more than 1 month and no less than 14 days prior to expected arrival. Details must be completed by OV on the EHC table.

6. WELFARE DURING TRAVEL

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

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Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

7. **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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