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EXPORT OF MILK/MILK PRODUCTS TO EGYPT - 2360EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Document: 2360EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 2360EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 2360EHC. 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

Export Health Certificate 2360EHC may be used for the export of dairy products from the United Kingdom to Egypt.

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 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

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. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph IV. 1 a) for milk only originated in the United Kingdom on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office, within 10 days of shipment.

4. If the milk is not of UK origin, to certify paragraph IV. 1 a) the OV must check that the country of origin meets the conditions for freedom from Foot and Mouth disease. A list of countries recognised by OIE as free of FMD can be found on the OIE website at:

<http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/fmd/list-of-fmd-free-members/>

5. If paragraph IV. 1 a) cannot be certified as per the above criteria, in order to certify paragraph IV. 1 b) the OV should ensure sufficient treatment to the milk/products in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
6. Paragraph IV. 2: The statement regarding tuberculosis testing may be certified on the basis of the Tuberculosis Orders 1984.
7. Paragraph IV. 3 may be certified on the basis that it is illegal to administer hormone treatments to animals for other than therapeutic reasons. Under the Medicines (Stilbenes & Thyrostatic Substances) Regulations 1982 and the Medicines (Hormone Growth Promoters) (Prohibition of the Use) Regulations 1988, the use of stilbenes, thyrostatics and other hormonal substances for growth promoting purposes is prohibited.
8. The exporter should be reminded that Egyptian legislation requires that the certificate must be legalised. For the purposes of legalising the above certificates, exporters should apply to the Legalisation Office via: <https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised>

Telephone: 020 4623 3100 (lines open 24/7)

For general enquiries: Legalisation@fcdo.gov.uk

Customers with short deadlines should contact UrgentLegalisation@fcdo.gov.uk for assistance

9. **DISCLAIMER**

This certificate is provided on the basis of information available
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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>

DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk