

No:

EXPORT OF DAY OLD CHICKS AND CHICKEN HATCHING EGGS TO THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER

1. **SCOPE**

This certificate 6720EHC can be used for export of day old chicks and chicken hatching eggs of the domestic fowl species (*Gallus gallus*) to the Republic of Yemen.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by a Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), The Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government, Department for Rural Affairs, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB, Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre (SSC)- Exports, Carlisle) within seven days of signature. The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. **CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Paragraph IV (a) refers only to day old chicks and must be deleted in the case of hatching eggs.

The flock examination of paragraph IV (b) must take place within 30 days prior to the date of export.

4. **FLOCK DISEASE HISTORY**

Paragraph IV (c) refers. 'Evidence' should be interpreted as including clinical observations, data from flock production and mortality records, reports of laboratory tests, and pathological examinations.

5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraphs IV. (d) and (e) may be certified by the OV provided that he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by the issuing office (in GB, Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre (SSC)- Exports, Carlisle) or the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland within 10 days before shipment.

6. **POULTRY HEALTH SCHEME**

Paragraph IV (f) refers. Membership of the Scheme may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by the issuing office (in GB, Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre (SSC)- Exports, Carlisle) or the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland within 10 days before shipment.

With regard to the laboratory test results, the OV must check the laboratory reports to confirm that all the results have been negative for the past 6 months. In the case of flocks which have not been in

existence for so long, the paragraph may be certified on the basis of all the laboratory test reports during the actual lifetime of the flock.

7. **SUPPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

When the flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian, he/she should complete form 6720SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in paragraphs IV (b), (c) and (f) of 6720EHC are complied with.

8. **LEGALISATION**

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**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 issuing office (in GB, SSC Exports, Carlisle) via the link below:
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm>

10. **WELFARE**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales and N.Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

<u>ENGLAND</u>	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR Tel: 020 7238 5865 / Fax: 020 7238 6009
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<u>SCOTLAND</u>	The Scottish Government - Rural and Environment Directorate, Spur P, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD. Tel: 0300 244 9243. Fax: 0300 244 9797.
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<u>WALES</u>	Welsh Assembly Government - Department for Rural Affairs, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ Tel: 02920 823593 / Fax: 02920 823352
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NORTHERN IRELAND Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald
House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

