

No:

EXPORT OF RABBITS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO TAIWAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8903EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8903EHC. 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 8903EHC may be used for the export of rabbits from the United Kingdom to Taiwan.

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 ink of a different colour to that of the printing.

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

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 CITA may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation 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 Certification On-Line (DECOL) 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.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. **IDENTIFICATION**

Paragraph **I.** refers. The animals must be individually identified by means of a microchip or tattoo. The identification numbers should be recorded in the table.

4. **ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL(S)**

Paragraph **II** refers. Full details must be provided as required. Name of the premises of origin can be omitted if the number of animals involved is less than 4.

5. **HEALTH INFORMATION**

Paragraph **IV** refers.

Subparagraph IV (a) can be certified on the basis that the disease has never been recorded in the UK. For updated version of UK status for non-notifiable diseases relevant to export certification, OV must refer to list under this link: https://improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions-file.php?unique_id=6724f0ce6de64&file_type=Form&action=view

For consignments of up to 4 rabbits

Subparagraphs IV (b) & (c) can be certified on the basis of declarations from the exporter and / or veterinary records.

Subparagraph IV (d) & (e) can be certified on the basis of veterinary records.

For consignments of 5 or more rabbits

Subparagraphs IV (f), (g), (h) (i) & (j) can be certified on the basis of exporter declarations and / or veterinary records.

Subparagraph IV (k) refers. Dates of quarantine period must be entered by the OV.

Subparagraph IV (l) refers. Details of parasite treatment must be entered by the OV. .

6. **CLINICAL INSPECTION**

The examination at paragraph **IV(m)** must be carried out within 24 hours of the intended date of export.

7. **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, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the UK 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. Further information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-healthagency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DAERA Helpline number: 0300 200 7852

DAERA Helpline email: daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk

DAERA Textphone: 18001 0300 200 7852

8. **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>

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