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## NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

In relation to 8910EHC titled:

**EXPORT OF PROCESSED ADDITIVES OR SUPPLEMENTS WITH COMPONENTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN FOR PET ANIMAL CONSUMPTION TO ARGENTINA**

Associated Documents: 8910EHC

### IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8910EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8910 EHC. 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

This certificate may be used for the export of processed additives or supplements with components of animal origin for pet animal consumption from the United Kingdom to Argentina.

#### 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 (DEFRA), 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/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

#### **Certified Copy Requirements**

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) for the following EHC types:

If the commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids EHC's where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to [certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk](mailto:certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk).

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers 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 Certification 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.

3. **COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DESPATCHED CONSIGNMENT**

**I. (a) - Identification**

For the purposes of this certificate, the species refers to the species from which the products were derived.

**I. (b) - Number of packages**

Insert the number of packages in the consignment.

**I. (c) - Description of commodity**

A veterinary description of the goods or a description based on the applicable Harmonised System (HS) Code given at **paragraph I(k)** of the certificate must be entered. For clarity, proprietary or brand names should be avoided in this section and instead given below in section

**I. (e).**

**I. (d) - Date of production**

Insert the date of production in format dd/mm/yyyy. This may be a single date or a range of dates.

**I. (e) - Commercial brand**

Insert the name of the commercial brand or brands of the products in the consignment.

**I. (f) - Lot number**

Insert the lot number or numbers of the products in the consignment.

**I. (g) - Net weight**

Insert the net weights for each type of product in the consignment, as well as the total net weight of the whole consignment.

**I. (h) - Temperature of products**

Indicate whether the transport/storage temperature of the consignment is ambient, chilled or frozen.

**I. (i) - Type of packaging**

Enter the type of packaging in the space provided.

**I. (i) - Expiry date**

Enter the expiry date or dates of the products that make up the consignment. This may be a single date or a range of dates.

**I. (k) - Commodity code (HS Code)**

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade

statistics.

The most appropriate HS Code should be entered in **Box I.19**.

Further information on HS Codes can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>

**Note:** The exporter is responsible for confirming that the HS code used is acceptable to the importing authorities, and the OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code used appropriately describes the products being consigned.

## **II. (a) – Processing plant address and details**

Enter the full address and approval number of the processing plant.

Establishments handling unprocessed animal by-products or manufacturing products derived from unprocessed animal by-products must be approved in accordance with the [Animal By-Products \(Enforcement\) \(England\) Regulations 2013](#) (as amended) or with parallel legislation in force in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

These statutory instruments currently enforce and implement the principles and controls laid down under the assimilated **Regulation (EC) 1069/2009** or, in the case of Northern Ireland, **Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009**.

Alternatively, establishments producing pet food or animal feeding stuffs from processed ingredients of animal origin require approval in accordance with the [Animal Feed \(Hygiene, Sampling etc. and Enforcement\) \(England\) Regulations 2015](#) (as amended) or with parallel legislation in force in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

These statutory instruments currently enforce and implement the principles and controls laid down under the assimilated **Regulation (EC) 183/2005** or, in the case of Northern Ireland, **Regulation (EC) 183/2005**.

The approval and associated number may be certified on sight of a valid approval document, or by reference to the appropriate enforcement authority responsible for the establishment (for example, FSA, FSS, Local Authority, APHA or DAERA). OVs should enter the relevant approval or registration number in addition to the address of the premises of manufacture.

## **II. (b) – Storage plant address and details**

Enter the full address and approval number of the storage plant.

The approval number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval document or by reference to the appropriate enforcement authority. OVs should enter the relevant approval or registration number in addition to the address of the premises of origin.

## **III. (a) – Places of loading and unloading**

The place of loading or the point of embarkation must be entered, followed by the place of unloading or disembarkation.

## **III. (b) Transit country**

Please enter any countries that the consignment will be transited through before reaching its final destination.

**III. (c) Container identification**

The container number of the consignment should be entered here.

**III. (d) Seal identification**

The seal number of the consignment should be entered here.

**III. (e) - Means of transport**

The means of transport i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated. The option 'Other' is not applicable to the movement of products and should not be selected.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry. This includes providing information in the event of unloading and reloading (see notes).

**III. (f) Identification of transport**

The identification of the means of transport, such as flight number, name of the vessel, the train number and rail car or the number plate of the road vehicle should be entered as appropriate.

**III. (g) Name and address of the consignee**

Please enter the name and address of the consignee here.

**4. PART IV - Certification**

Taking into consideration the additional guidance below, the health attestation may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge and familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the processing establishment and/or examination of relevant records and documentation including laboratory test results where relevant.

**IV. 1. - Establishment approval and hygiene**

This paragraph may be certified on the basis of approval of the UK rendering establishment in accordance with the **Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013** (as amended) or with parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, in line with the advice given for **paragraph II (a)** above.

Additionally, the statement on cleaning and disinfection processes can be certified based on the certifying veterinarian's knowledge of and familiarity with the manufacturing establishment, and on sight of any supporting documents as deemed necessary by the certifying officer.

**IV. 2. - Animal by-product ingredients and treatment**

This paragraph must be completed to reflect the ingredients of animal origin used in the manufacture of the products present in the consignment.

For the treatment of the materials that make up the consignment, the paragraph should be completed with the relevant details of the primary heat treatment used during the manufacture of the product.

That the treatment "guarantees the destruction of pathogens that may affect animal health and prevent their development" may be certified on the basis that the product was produced in accordance with the terms of the establishment's approval, as described in the guidance for **paragraph II (a)**.

#### **IV. 3. - Transport conditions**

This can be certified based on the certifying officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the manufacturing establishment, and on sight of any supporting documents as deemed necessary by the certifying officer.

#### **5. SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS**

Where declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process and/or declared intended use. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

#### **6. DISCLAIMER**

This certificate and these notes are 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 (CIT) - Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#customer-service-centres-csc>

In Northern Ireland, please contact the DAERA trade administration team at [DAERAttradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:DAERAttradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk)