

EXPORT OF CAPTIVE BIRDS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES TO REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (NFG) FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

This document should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with 9112EHC.

Scope of the certificate

This certificate may be issued for the export of captive birds for conservation programmes where the certification takes place in Wales, Scotland or England, i.e. Great Britain only.

'Captive birds' as defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.

Country of origin

Although the certificate has been prepopulated with UNITED KINGDOM, this certificate should and can only be issued for animals that are certified in England, Scotland and Wales (i.e. Great Britain).

Certification

The basic principles of certification apply and although this is not a harmonised EU level EU entry certificate, the general requirements that the EU specifies for its harmonised certificates for Part I of the certificates should be followed i.e. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 Chapter 4 Annex I.

Place of dispatch

Captive bird establishments or Balai approved establishments may be accepted following consultation with Republic of Ireland on a case-by-case basis.

Entry BCP

Official designation number of the BCP should be used, list for reference provided here: [Designated Border Control Posts \(BCPs\) \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/eu-foreign-affairs/en/conservation/captive-birds/entry-bcp).

Place of loading

In the case of traveling by plane, write "name of the airport". In case of traveling by sea, write "name of the port". In case of traveling by land, write "name of the establishment where the animals are loaded onto means of transport".

Means of transport

Select one or more of the following means of transport for animals or goods leaving the country of dispatch, and indicate its identification:

- aircraft (indicate the flight number);
- ship (indicate the ship name and number);
- railway (indicate the train identity and wagon number);
- road vehicle (indicate the registration number with trailer number, if applicable).

In the case of a ferry, tick 'ship' and identify the road vehicle(s) with registration number (with trailer number, if applicable), in addition to the name and number of the scheduled ferry.

Description of the consignment - Identification

For the purpose of this EHC, the birds must be individually identified by means of a unique marked closed leg-ring or an injectable transponder with either the three digit country code (826- for GB) or the 2 letter country code in accordance with Article 53 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692. A clear link between the live bird and the health certificate must be established.

Note: CITES requirements may dictate a specific type of identification.

Notifiable Disease Clearance**Check official UK listing for freedom and establishment freedom**

Part II.1.2 ii) National restrictions for animal health reason are relevant to the species being exported.

Part II.1.2 v) Diseases specified in the certificate that require establishment freedom or national or local radial area freedom

For diseases that require disease freedom attestations at the level of the establishment of origin/departure (within the boundaries), OV's should check establishment records, [check with the (approved) premises' veterinarian] [check with the veterinarian responsible for the registered establishment] (if a different person) and collect evidence as necessary for themselves. For diseases that are on National lists, see below.

Part II.1.3 i) Movement of captive birds vaccinated against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is permitted only if:

- The destination establishment must also vaccinate its captive bird population.
- The movement is pre-authorized by the competent authority in Ireland (DAFM).
- A virological test with negative results is performed within 72 hours before departure.

These requirements are in line with Regulation (EU) 2023/361, Annex XIII, Part 5, Point 4.1.

To provide assurance to the certifying Official Veterinarian (OV):

A copy of the movement licence issued by the competent authority will be provided to the exporter.

For national and regional freedom of diseases first check the official sources of disease information for the United Kingdom.

- the Notifiable Disease Occurrence List for Great Britain (ET171) available on the 'Exports > Certification Procedures' page of the APHA Vet Gateway (link below),
- the UK Status for Non-Notifiable Diseases Relevant to Export Certification (ET152) available on the 'Exports > Certification Procedures' page of the APHA Vet Gateway, (link below).

[http://apha.defra.gov.uk//External OV Instructions/Export Instructions/Certification Procedures/index.htm](http://apha.defra.gov.uk//External%20Instructions/Export%20Instructions/Certification%20Procedures/index.htm)

These listings are the basis on which the diseases listed there, can be certified. However, the recent occurrence of a disease in the territory of Great Britain does not necessarily preclude certification and may need to be subject to an NDC issued by Carlisle Centre for International Trade (see below).

A final check of disease freedom status (for diseases not issued on an NDC) on the day of certification is required.

For diseases that are not in the official lists or that are listed but may have occurred within the time frame or radial area, which the EHC stipulates.

- For diseases that require clearance beyond the level of the local establishment, i.e. a local radial area, regional or national freedom, not possible from the lists above, please request clearance from the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle (CITC). Contact them by email: processingteam@apha.gov.uk, which should be done after the exporter has applied for this certificate on EHC Online:
 - o include the case number for the export application,
 - o the disease(s) for which clearance is(are) required,
 - o the radial area or territory requirements in relation to the location of the animals.

Please allow plenty of time, especially for tuberculosis freedoms, prior to the export certification target date.

Part II.1.4 (iv) - In case of re-using containers, a list of officially approved disinfectants for use in England, Scotland and Wales can be found here:

<http://disinfectants.defra.gov.uk/DisinfectantsExternal/Default.aspx?Module=ApprovalsList SI>

Exporters must use a disinfectant that is approved and at the dilution specified for (v) General Orders, in accordance with manufactures instructions.

Disclaimer: This certificate is provided based on 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, in Carlisle, see the link below.

[Contact APHA - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)