

## **EXPORT OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS TO THE NETHERLANDS**

### **NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (NFG) FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

This document should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with 9054EHC.

#### **1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

This certificate may be used for the export of reptiles and amphibians, other than those which may travel as pets subject to being accompanied by their owner and not changing ownership, where the certification takes place in Wales, Scotland or England, i.e. Great Britain only.

Amphibians, permitted to travel as pets will not need a Official Veterinary certificate and a private veterinary attestation is required for entry to the Netherlands.

#### **2. CERTIFICATION**

The basic principles of certification apply and although this is not an EU level harmonised EU entry certificate, the general requirements that the EU specifies for its harmonised certificates should be followed.

There are no animal health requirements for the purpose of export of reptiles and amphibians (excluding salamanders/caudata) to the Netherlands. The only requirement is certification of their fitness to travel.

**EXPORTING COUNTRY:** 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).

**CITES:** In addition to all the applicable national and EU-legislation, CITES-regulations apply on the import of live animals (CITES, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild flora and fauna).

More information about CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild flora and fauna) can be found on the website <https://www.cites.org/>

**Please note:** Reptiles and amphibians from third countries may only be imported into the EU via a border control post (BCP) and must be checked at a BCP. You can find these here:

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/veterinary-border-control/contact-details-bcps-veterinary\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/veterinary-border-control/contact-details-bcps-veterinary_en)

**In the Netherlands the only BCP for reptiles and amphibians is Schiphol Airport.**

The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the export health certificate. The Official Veterinarian should sign and stamp the certificate with the OV stamp in any colour other than the printed text of the certificate.

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

**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, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>