

**EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO BRAZIL - 8554EHC**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE EXPORTER AND THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

**Associated Documents:** 8554EHC

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8554EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8554EHC. 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.

**DO NOT LEAVE ANY FIELD BLANK ON THE CERTIFICATE**

**1. SCOPE**

Certificate 8554EHC is required for the export of dairy products to Brazil.

**2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) / VETERINARY OFFICER (VO)**

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 any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\***

Brazil does not allow manual strikethroughs or alterations to final certificates. OVs / FCCOs must cross out electronically any sections not applicable before printing EHCs for Brazil.

For exports from Great Britain, this functionality will be added to the certificates produced by EHC Online. The editable certificate must be downloaded from EHC Online and opened in Adobe Reader to ensure the correct sections of the certificate are properly struck through.

For exports from Northern Ireland, guidance is available on the DAERA website at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/apvp-notes-guidance>.

Consignments arriving in Brazil with an EHC containing manual strikethroughs or alterations may be detained or refused entry into Brazil.

**Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland**

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address:  
[certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk](mailto:certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk).

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 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**

aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates 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. EXPORTER APPROVAL**

Brazil's competent authority, MAPA, maintains an Approval List. It is the exporter's responsibility to ensure that their details are on the appropriate list (via the link below) prior to consigning goods with 8554EHC.

[https://bi.agricultura.gov.br/reports/rwservlet?sigisif\\_cons&prod\\_hab\\_exp\\_pais.rdf&p\\_id\\_pais=193&p\\_id\\_area=&p\\_id\\_produto=&p\\_serial=112944040&paramform=no](https://bi.agricultura.gov.br/reports/rwservlet?sigisif_cons&prod_hab_exp_pais.rdf&p_id_pais=193&p_id_area=&p_id_produto=&p_serial=112944040&paramform=no)

#### **4. HANDWRITTEN ENTRIES ON CERTIFICATES**

MAPA, the competent authority in Brazil, have indicated a preference for OVs not to make handwritten entries on the certificate.

If handwritten amendments **are** made to certificates, such certificates are to be **used at the exporter's own risk**.

#### **5. HEALTH INFORMATION**

##### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT**

**Entries for 9. to 12. and the first column of the table at 14. refer.**

**MAPA requires all information to be entered bilingually; entries should be written in both English and Portuguese.**

#### **10. Means of transport**

The means of transport i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated.

#### **12. Conditions for Transport/Storage, refers.**

Enter **\*Ambient**; **\*Frozen**; or **\*Chilled**, as appropriate.

#### **13. Identification of container(s)/ Seal number(s):**

Where goods are shipped in an international shipping container, the container number **must** be entered.

If the importing country or importer requires a seal on the container, the seal number should be added.

**Sealing and seal numbers must be witnessed by, or evidenced to the satisfaction of, the Certifying Officer.**

The EHC may not be issued without these details having been completed by the Certifying Officer.

#### **14.**

##### **➤ HS/NCM Code or HS Code.**

Type just the first 4 digits (e.g. 0406) into the field

##### **➤ Nome do produto (incluir espécie)/ Name of the product (include species)**

**This field should be populated** with the portuguese description and species, as well as the English (E.g. Mild Coloured Cheddar, Bovine Species/ Queijo Cheddar, Espécie Bovina)

**15. 1. refers:**

a) The OV should ascertain these matters by examining relevant documentation, including a satisfactory recent Inspection Report by the plant's local authority.

Rinderpest, FMD, peste des petits ruminants, sheep & goat pox and Brucellosis are notifiable diseases which the UK is free from. Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia is not a notifiable disease, but it has never been recorded in the UK.

It will be for the exporter to demonstrate that the animals have been born and raised in the UK, in a way that satisfies the OV.

b) & c) The dairy ingredients used must bear the EU health mark, which demonstrates compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004. The establishment at which the products (being certified) are manufactured must have in place a HACCP system, and implement the 7 principles of HACCP. Details of this can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/food-safety-hazard-analysis>  
The OV should also seek verifiable/documentary evidence that the requirements of GMP and SSOP have been adhered to throughout the manufacturing process.  
In addition, the OV must be satisfied that the manufacturing site has a current and satisfactory Inspection Report issued by their Local Authority.

d) This paragraph may be signed on the basis of the OV's familiarity with the recommendations of the Codex Alimentarius and the requirements of relevant national legislation and documentary evidence of the manufacturer's adherence to them.

e) This clause may be certified based on the OV's familiarity with the requirements of **Regulation (EC) N° 2073/2005 and suitable documentary evidence that those requirements have been adhered to.**

f) The OV should request sight of the relevant documents as submitted to DIPA and MAPA and satisfy themselves that the condition has been met.

g) & h) The OV needs to be satisfied that there is enough evidence to confirm that the product has been subjected to an appropriate processing method to satisfy the requirements stated.

i) Visual checks should suffice.

j) This clause may be certified on the basis of the OV's familiarity with the processes of the plant and satisfactory documentary evidence.

k) Visual checks should be carried out to ensure the appropriate standards are met.

l) This may be certified on the basis that the products bear health marks, which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.

**2. \*A. PRODUCTS OBTAINED FROM BOVINE MILK FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

2. Lumpy Skin Disease is a notifiable disease which has never been recorded in the UK. Thus, if the animals have always lived in the UK, the clause can be signed.

If the product is raw, **2. A. 2.** must be certified; the exporter must satisfactorily demonstrate to the OV that this is the case.

**2. A. 2.1** may be certified if the milk product has been pasteurized.

**\*B. DAIRY PRODUCTS OBTAINED FROM OVINE OR CAPRINE MILK FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

**1) to 5)** may be signed on the basis of the certifying OV's familiarity with the processes and procedures of the manufacturing plant and

examination of satisfactory supporting documentary evidence. It will be the exporter's responsibility to provide suitable evidence that the source animals have been born and raised in the UK in a way that satisfies the requirements of the EHC. It is advised that the OV keep copies of such evidence on file

6) The OV must have sufficient satisfactory evidence that allows them to certify this clause with regards to Maedi Visna.

**\*\*\*Clarification:**

**Clause B. 3.**

the reference to "...plague from small ruminants..." should be read as **peste des petits ruminants.**

The translation in 8554EHC is inherited from the Brazilian Model Certificate.

**6. 618NDC – Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs B. 6) – **for contagious agalaxia only**, B.7) & B.8), and Paragraphs 2.

**A.1 and 2. A.2., 2. B.1, B.2., B.3., and B.5 – for the UK only** – may be signed on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian, provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office, within 10 days of shipment.

If the origin of the milk used in the dairy products is not the UK, the OV will need to rely on suitable and satisfactory accompanying documentation from the source country. It is advised that the OV retains copies of such evidence relied on.

**7. 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](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)