

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION TO
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY - 7756EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Document: 7756EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export health certificate 7756EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7756EHC. 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.

EXPORT CERTIFICATE 7756EHC SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR PRODUCTS FROM UK ESTABLISHMENTS APPROVED FOR THE RELEVANT COMMODITY ON THE APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT SYSTEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE (TROIS):

<https://trois.tarimorman.gov.tr>

It has been drafted to specifically cater for the export of fish oils to be used as food supplements.

These oils are derived from wild caught fish so the animal health requirements for aquaculture are not relevant.

1. **SCOPE**

Export health certificate **7756EHC** may be used for the export from the UK to Turkey of fishery products intended for human consumption, **but see notes above.**

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 - Rural Affairs or the Welsh Government, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI). OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing.

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

3. **FORMAT OF THE CERTIFICATE**

The format, paragraph numbering and content of this certificate is closely based on the specific model certificate provided by the importing country, Turkey. As a result, some of the text may not directly apply to exports from the UK and some paragraphs may appear out of sequence whilst others may be intentionally left blank.

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

I.2a. - intentionally left blank.

I.3. - Central Competent Authority

This has been pre-populated with "**Defra**".

I.4. – Local Competent Authority

The certifying OV should enter the name of the local office of APHA responsible for the exporting establishment. Where the exporting

establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DARD" should be entered.

I.6. – intentionally left blank.

I.7. and I.9 – Country ISO Codes

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for the whole of the United Kingdom is "GB" and this should be entered at **Box I.7.**

The ISO Code for Turkey is "TR" and should be entered at **Box I.9.**

Both these boxes have been pre-populated.

I.8. – Region of Origin

In line with the Explanatory Notes referred to in paragraph 3 above, this paragraph may usually be left blank.

However, if the UK and the product fall within the scope of emergency disease control legislation laid down by the importing authorities then this paragraph should be completed with the appropriate region names and ISO codes if these are specified under such emergency legislation. In these cases, the AHVLA Specialist Service Centre – International Trade in Carlisle or DARD in Northern Ireland should be consulted for further specific guidance.

I.10. – Intentionally left blank.

I.11. – Approval/Registration Number

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

I.12. – intentionally left blank.

I.13. – Place of loading

The place of loading or the port of embarkation must be entered.

I.14. – Date of departure

The date of departure must be entered.

I.15. – 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. The flight number, name of the vessel, the train number and rail car or the number plate of the road vehicle should be entered as the means of identification as appropriate.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry.

Optionally, the number of the airway bill, bill of loading, or the commercial number of the train or road vehicle may be entered as the documentary reference.

I.16. – Entry point

The exporter must advise the OV of the point of entry into the

destination country and this must be entered.

I.17. – intentionally left blank

I.18. – Description of commodity

A veterinary description of the goods or a description based on the applicable HS Code (see below) must be entered

I.19. – 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 appropriate HS Code, from the permitted options below, should be entered in **Box I.19**:

Information on HS Codes can be found online at:

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

and

<http://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm>

The OV should confirm with the exporter which of the permitted HS Codes best describes the products being consigned.

I.20. – Quantity of Product

Insert the total gross and net weights in Kg.

I.21. – Temperature of product

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

I.22. – Number of packages

Insert the number of packages in the consignment.

I.23. – Seal/container no.

The seal or container number of consignment may be entered here.

I.24. – Type of packaging

Enter the type of packaging in the space provided.

I.25. – Commodities certified for

Indicate the intended use of the product, taking into account any guidance which may be offered in the footnote of the certificate.

I.26. – Intentionally left blank

I.27. – For import or admission into Turkey

The box should be ticked to confirm that this is an import or admission into Turkey, as opposed to a transit through Turkey.

I.28. – Identification of the Commodity

Further to **Box I.11.** above, OV's should enter the relevant approval number of the processing plant in addition to the other required information.

5. PART II – HEALTH INFORMATION

The health attestation may be certified on the basis of the OV's familiarity with the EU Food Hygiene Regulations mentioned at II.1 and the sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the processing establishment and/or examination of relevant records and documentation including applicable laboratory test results.

II.1 – Public Health Attestation

Paragraph **II.1** refers.

The products being certified must have been prepared and stored in an establishment approved or registered in accordance with Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004, or derived from start material which is similarly compliant. The clauses contained in II.1 may then be certified on the basis of compliance with these regulations as specifically referenced.

The products or their starting material will bear the oval identifying marks in accordance with Section 1 of Annex II of 853/2004.

The Catch Vessel approval can be checked at:

(<http://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/sectorrules/fishapprove>)

II.2 – ANIMAL HEALTH ATTESTATION FOR FISH AND CRUSTACEANS OF AQUACULTURE ORIGIN

Section II.2 of 7756EHC is irrelevant where the fishery product for export is derived solely from wild caught fish, and should therefore be ignored.

In any case, IF paragraph **II.2.** is not to be certified, it should be struck through in its entirety and the remaining treatment options which do not apply should also be struck through and these deletions should be signed and stamped by the OV in the usual manner.

6. 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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

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