

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (NFG) FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

## Scope of the certificate

Country of origin

## Certification

Entry BCP

Place of loading

## Means of transport

- aircraft (indicate the flight number);
- vessel (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 'vessel' 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.

**Total number of packages**

Indicate the number of boxes, cages or containers in which the animals are being transported.

**Net weight/gross weight**

The total net weight is the mass of the animal(s) themselves, without immediate containers or any packaging.

The total gross weight is the aggregate mass of the animals, plus immediate containers and all their packaging, but excluding transport containers and other transport conditions.

**Points II.1.d) and II.4** - "supporting evidence" may consist of either a declaration from the GB exporter or the travel company, or a review of travel/journey plans demonstrating compliance with the relevant requirements.

**Point II.2.d)** - "listed diseases" at the establishment level refers to those diseases affecting animals of the order Carnivora as specified in the Annex [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1882](#).

**Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Where it is possible for the Official Veterinarian (OV) in Great Britain to obtain disease clearance themselves, the Centre for international Trade - Carlisle (CITC) will not issue a 618NDC notifiable disease clearance.

OVs must check the following sources of disease information for the United Kingdom immediately prior to certification, to ensure disease freedom statements can be certified:

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

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

**For Great Britain:**

**In the absence of a specific Notifiable Disease Clearance**

**(618NDC) from CITC:** OV's may certify that the UK has disease free status or region free status for those diseases mentioned in the health certificate, once they have checked the disease list(s) for the last occurrence of the disease and have ensured it complies with the time frames in the certificate.

In the event of a disease outbreak that affects an OV being able to obtain their own disease clearance, CITC will notify OV's to make it clear which disease freedom statements should not be certified and where necessary, will issue a 618NDC notifiable disease clearance if the EHC can continue to be issued for certain regions that retain free status.

In the event of a disease outbreak after the EHC has been issued that affects the disease clearance, OV's must not certify the EHC and must contact CITC immediately for advice on whether certification can still take place. If a disease outbreak affects the OV disease clearance procedures for this EHC, a 618NDC will be reinstated by CITC which will be issued with the EHC until a time when OV disease clearance can be reinstated.

**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.

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