

**DAY OLD CHICKS, TURKEY POULTS, DUCKLINGS, GOSLINGS, OSTRICHES AND HATCHING EGGS OF THESE BIRD SPECIES, EXPORTED TO THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN FROM UNITED KINGDOM**

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

**Associated Documents: 6382EHC, 6382SUP 6382NFG (this document), 618NDC.**

**1. Important**

These notes provide guidance to the Official Veterinarian (OV) and the exporter. The NFG should have been issued to you together with its related export health certificate. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the health certificate. 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.

**2. Scope of the certificate**

This certificate may be used for the export day old chicks, turkey poults, ducklings, goslings, ostriches and hatching eggs of these bird species, exported to the Republic of Uzbekistan from United Kingdom.

**3. Official Signature**

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.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

**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**

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certificate System (DECS) produced EHCs 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.

**4. Section II. 2 - Disease Clearance****Avian influenza and Newcastle disease**

The first indent for HPAI and the three indents for ND regarding freedom from notifiable avian influenza/Newcastle disease can be certified, provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to them by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Exports, Carlisle/ in Northern Ireland the relevant issuing office) before shipment.

When certifying based on a free zone, the flocks of origin at the time of egg collection and the hatchery at the time of hatching must not be within a 10km disease control zone. For Newcastle disease, this extends to the 21 days prior to egg collection on the flocks of origin. The flock veterinarian must confirm that the flocks resided on these premises for the 21 days prior to egg collection.

Certification based on the "compartment" option can be used where all the exporting premises are approved within the official GB Poultry Compartment scheme.

The second indent for HPAI can be certified on the basis of observations by the flock veterinarian that there were no signs of avian influenza in the flock at the time of egg collection.

**Salmonellosis**

The assurances contained in this section refer to both salmonellas of public significance (zoonotic salmonellas) and to salmonellas of avian significance (*Salmonella gallinarum* and *pullorum*).

Salmonellas of avian significance: This can be certified on the basis of membership and compliance with the requirements of official poultry health schemes: the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) in GB and the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS) in Northern Ireland.

Salmonellas of public health significance: Requirements included in this certificate can be certified based on routine testing carried out under the National Control Plan for Salmonella in poultry (NCP). The NCP lays down procedures for the routine monitoring of chicken and turkey flocks for zoonotic Salmonellas. At present, the NCP only applies to chicken and turkeys. In order to certify these assurances for species other than chickens and turkeys, the flocks of origin of the eggs/birds must have in place and undergo a surveillance equivalent to that of the PHS and the NCP on a voluntary basis.

Day-old birds should show no clinical sign of salmonellosis as recommended by the WOAH *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

**Non-notifiable disease requirements for chicken, turkey, duck and goose**

Farms must be free for the last 6 months from the diseases as stated as applicable to each species:

Chicken/turkey: ornithosis (psittacosis), paramyxovirus infection, infectious chicken bronchitis, infectious laryngotracheitis, infectious encephalomyelitis, turkey rhinotracheitis, Gumboro disease and spirochetosis.

Duck/goose: ornithosis (psittacosis), Derzsy's disease, viral hepatitis of ducklings and duck plague.

This can be done based on knowledge of the premises or on a written declaration received from the farm veterinarian on the support certificate. The support certificate must not be attached to the certificate accompanying the consignment.

**Notifiable and non-notifiable disease requirements for ostrich farms**

For ostrich farms, disease freedom is required for the following diseases:

- Venezuelan encephalitis and Crimean Congo fever: 12 months in the country or administrative territory
- Rift Valley fever: 48 months in the country or administrative territory
- Anthrax: 20 days on the farm

These conditions can be certified, provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to them by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Exports, Carlisle/ in Northern Ireland the relevant issuing office) before shipment.

Ostrich farms must also be free from the following diseases for the last 6 months: ornithosis (psittacosis), fowl pox, avian tuberculosis, pasteurellosis, paramyxovirus infections, infectious hydropericarditis and cysticercosis. This can be certified based on knowledge of the premises or on a written declaration received from the farm veterinarian on the support certificate. The support certificate must not be attached to the certificate accompanying the consignment.

**5. Parent flock(s) disease requirements and serological tests for salmonella pullorum antigens**

Section II.3 refers. The first paragraph regarding parent flock(s) requirements for the relevant diseases can be done based on knowledge of the premises or on a written declaration received from the farm veterinarian on the support certificate. The support certificate must not be attached to the certificate accompanying the consignment.

The second paragraph can be certified based on membership and compliance with the Poultry Health Scheme/Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme. For species not covered by the PHS/NIPHAS, the flocks of origin of the eggs/birds must be tested serologically with pullorum antigen with a negative result.

**6. Marek's Disease vaccination**

Section II.4 refers. Marek's disease vaccination applies only to chickens. In the case of other species, the paragraph is not applicable. In the case of other species, do NOT enter the words "NOT APPLICABLE" at this section.

**7. Disinfection and containers**

Paragraph II.5 refers. The OV must verify these conditions.

A Defra approved disinfectant must be used. Disinfectants are approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (England) Order 2007 (as amended). Defra approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions.

The containers in which the hatching eggs or chicks are exported must be disposable.

**8. Support Certification**

In cases where the certifying OV is not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin, they may certify paragraphs on the basis of the assurances contained in support health certificate 6382SUP from the veterinarian(s) normally responsible for those flocks.

**9. 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: [DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk)

**10. Welfare of Animals**

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport)(England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team  
Centre for International Trade  
Eden Bridge House  
Lowther Street, Carlisle  
CA3 8DX  
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301  
E-mail: [WIT@apha.gov.uk](mailto:WIT@apha.gov.uk)

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.