

**EXPORT OF WET SALTED OR DRIED HIDES TO TAIWAN - 1642EHC**

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

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 1642EHC may be used for the export of wet salted or dried hides from Great Britain to Taiwan.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or National Assembly For Wales who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager within seven days for his/her own record keeping purposes.

3. Compliance with the conditions referred to in paragraph IV 1. may be certified on the following basis:

(i) the production establishment has in place an effective system to identify batches and it can be confirmed that they have been treated for the required period as stated. The establishment should have records of all matters relevant to the process, including the following:

- receipt, or manufacture on site of sea salt with the addition of sodium carbonate to 2%;
- date of commencement of treatment (salting or drying) for identified batches;
- standard operating procedure of the production process and identification and traceability system operating in the establishment;
- quality control checks etc. for the batches certified;
- copies of veterinary health certificates/commercial documents accompanying imported products.

(ii) there must also be an effective procedure in place to separate treated from untreated hides and skins and prevent cross contamination.

4. Paragraph IV 2. may be certified as stated as Council Decision 98/256/EC prohibits the despatch of bovine hides of UK origin for the uses stated.

5. **DISCLAIMER**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 International Animal Health Division at the address given below.

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