

No:

EXPORT OF ZOO CARNIVORES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CANADA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3081EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3081EHC. 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.

1. **Scope of the certificate**

Export health certificate 3081EHC may be used for the export of Zoo carnivores from the United Kingdom to Canada.

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, 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.

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.

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 DECS 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.

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

3. Identification

Paragraph I and IV j) refer. The animals to be exported must be individually identified by an acceptable electronic means, specifically by an ISO compliant electronic microchip (ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 FDX-B Technology). The microchip number must be entered at the table for each animal.

Origin of the animal(s)

Paragraph II refers. The name and address of the exporting zoo, together with contact details of an authorised person at that zoo, as well as the name and address of the establishment where the animal(s) were examined as required at paragraph IV (j), must be entered here.

Destination of the animal(s)

Paragraph III refers. Details of the consignee and transportation, including ship and / or flight number, as appropriate, must be included.

4. Health Information

Paragraph IV(a) refers. This paragraph can be certified on the basis of a written declaration from the exporter and further enquiries that the certifying veterinarian considers appropriate.

The certification contained in paragraphs IV (b), (c), (d), (e), for establishment freedom from notifiable diseases (Brucella abortus, Mycobacterium bovis, Aujeszky and Rabies) may be signed on behalf of the Department provided you are in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to you by APHA - Centre for International Trade 10 days before shipment.

Paragraph IV f) (trypanosomiasis) can be certified based on the OV checking the information provided in the ET152: https://improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions-file.php?unique_id=6724f0ce6de64&file_type=Form&action=view

Paragraphs (g) & (h) refer. The OV should certify these paragraphs on the basis of personal knowledge of the premises of origin, supported by vaccination certificates, treatment records, laboratory reports, pathological examinations and other records as appropriate. If the OV does not have personal knowledge of the premises, they must obtain a written support statement from another veterinarian who does have such knowledge.

Paragraph IV (i) refers. The examination at Paragraph IV.(i) must be carried out within 48 hours prior to the animals loading for export. The date and time of the examination is to be recorded on the certificate. The certifying OV may need to seek clarification with the flight airline as regards welfare requirements under IATA guidelines. Further information on IATA and CITES welfare requirements can be found at the following links:
<http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/transport/index.shtml>

http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/live_animals/index.htm

Paragraph (j) refers. The microchip number must be recorded here.

Paragraph (k) refers.

The animals should be quarantined from other animals that do not have the same health status as the animals intended for export. The Official Veterinarian should liaise with the owner/exporter before the start of the quarantine (lasting of minimum of 14 days), in order to make sure that the owner/exporter understands what is required. Detailed quarantine conditions were not laid down by Canadian authorities, but the generally accepted biosecurity principles must be followed. Access by people must be restricted to authorised attendants only. Appropriate disinfection facilities must be available for footwear, and dedicated clean overalls must be provided and used whenever the animals in isolation are attended. Before quarantine commences the pre-export quarantine facility must be inspected and approved by the OV. As a minimum, one more inspection visit must be made at the end of the quarantine period, and this may be the visit at which the export health certificate is completed. The OV will also be able to check quarantine conditions during the visit. If the quarantine is inspected, approved and visited by other than certifying OV, the certifying OV must obtain supportive evidence from other OV to certify this paragraph.

Paragraph (m) refers. This may be certified on the basis of physical examination of the animal(s).

Paragraph (n) refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis of written declarations from the exporting zoo. OVs should retain copies of these declarations for record purposes.

4. **C.I.T.E.S**

This certificate does not provide exemption from other legislation laid down for the protection or conservation of certain wild species, e.g. the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S.). Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Department at the address given below:

Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (WLRS)
Zone 1/17, Temple Quay House,
2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB
Tel: 0117 372 8774 Fax: 0117 372 8206

5. **Welfare**

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

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

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 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