

EXPORT OF CELL LINES FOR IN VITRO RESEARCH TO CANADA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 6991EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6991EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6991EHC and the relevant import permit. 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 6991EHC may be used for the export from the United Kingdom of certain cell lines to Canada for in vitro use.

Note that the permitted species and countries of origin of the product and its constituents are laid down in paragraph II.1 of the certificate.

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 (DEFRA), 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/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

Certified Copy Requirements

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) for the following EHC types:

If the commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids EHC's where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers 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 copies of issued certificates

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification System (DECS) produced EHCs must upload a legible scanned copy of the signed EHC to the DECS system (via AVP Portal or DECS Export Application notification email link, as appropriate) within 7 working days 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.

3. **Details of Dispatched Consignment**

The following guidance should be followed in addition to the notes at the end of the certificate.

- **1.1 - Exporting Country**
Pre-filled with 'United Kingdom'
- **1.2 - Certificate Number**
Enter the unique certificate issue number
- **I.3 - Central Competent Authority**
This should be completed with "Defra".
- **I.4 - Local Competent Authority**
For exporting establishments located in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) this should be completed with "APHA"
For exporting establishments located in Northern Ireland, this should be completed with "DAERA".
- **1.5 - Consignor**
Enter the exporter details
- **1.6 - Consignee**
Enter the details of the recipient
- **I.7 - Country/ies of Origin**
This relates to the country or countries where the products were collected from animals, processed and/or manufactured.
Multiple countries may be entered as necessary.

The internationally recognised two letter country ISO codes are set out under ISO 3166, which can be viewed via the Online Browsing Platform available at:

<https://www.iso.org/iso-3166-country-codes.html>

- **1.8 - Country of Destination**
Pre-filled with 'Canada'
- **I.9 - Place of Origin**
This relates to the name and address of the UK establishment from which the products are being exported and official approval number when required by UK legislation.

Depending on the precise nature of the material, the establishment may need to be approved or registered in accordance with the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations

2013 or with parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These statutory instruments currently enforce and implement the principles and controls laid down under the retained Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as last amended 14/12/2019).

The approval number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval or registration document or by reference to the responsible local APHA or DAERA office.

- **1.10 - Entry point in Canada**
Enter the official point of entry in Canada
- **1.11 - Place of Loading/Shipment**
Enter the place of departure from the UK
- **1.12 - Date of Departure**
Enter the date of departure from the UK
- **1.13 - Description of Commodity**
Enter a description of the product or use the titles as they appear in the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization. Brand names should not be used without further description.
- **1.14 - HS Code**
Further information on the Harmonised System (HS) Code can be found at <https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/browse>
The OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code used correctly describes the products being consigned.

Multiple HS Codes may be used if necessary.

- **1.15 - Commodities certified for**
Enter a 'X' in the technical use box
- **1.16 - Temperature of product**
- Enter a 'X' in the correct box for the appropriate temperature category (ambient, chilled, frozen) for transport and storage of the products.
- **1.17 - Means of Transport**
Enter a 'X' in the correct box
- **1.18 - Identification of Container(s) and Seal Number(s)**
Enter the identifications of the containers and seal numbers. Markings (such as company logo, name or other) must be clearly described.
- **1.19 - For Transit Through Canada to 3rd Country**
If the product is for import into Canada and not transit, this box may be struck through.
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<https://www.iso.org/iso-3166-country-codes.html>
- **1.20 - Accompanying documents**
Enter details of any accompanying documents
- **1.21 - Description and Identification of the Commodities**
The "Manufacturing Plant & CCVA Approval Number" should be completed with the approval or registration number issued by the Central Competent Veterinary Authority for the establishment responsible for manufacturing the product.
The approval or registration number/s may be confirmed on sight of the relevant importation documentation.

4. HEALTH INFORMATION

- **Paragraph II.1:**
This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the product contains no non-human animal-origin materials other than those

described. The paragraph can still be certified even if the consignment does not contain *all* the listed materials. Confirmation of the product, species and country of origin may be verified by reference to relevant documentation accompanying the product or its constituents into the UK, including, where applicable, the relevant import certification. All supporting evidence and/or declarations must be reviewed by the OV. These documents should be retained, along with the Certified Copy, for a minimum period of two years for QA purposes.

- **Paragraph II.2:**

This paragraph may be certified on the basis of relevant documentation accompanying the product or its constituents into the UK, including, where applicable, the relevant import certification. All supporting evidence and/or declarations must be reviewed by the OV. These documents should be retained, along with the Certified Copy, for a minimum period of two years for QA purposes.

- **Paragraph II.3:** may be certified on the basis of relevant documentation accompanying the product into the UK confirming the legal import of the product, including, where applicable, the relevant import certification. All supporting evidence and/or declarations must be reviewed by the OV. These documents should be retained, along with the Certified Copy, for a minimum period of two years for QA purposes.

- **Paragraph II.4:** may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of handling, processing, packaging storage and transportation procedures in place at the UK establishment.

5. **DISCLAIMER**

This certificate and these notes are 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 (CIT) - Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#customer-service-centres-csc>

In Northern Ireland, please contact the DAERA trade administration team:

- e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk
- Phone - 02877442146