

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF MARINE AND FRESH WATER ORGANISMS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (FISH, MOLLUSCA, CRUSTACEAN, ECHINODERM AND FARMED) AND THEIR PRODUCTS TO KUWAIT - 8947EHC

Associated document: 8947EHC.

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Certifying Officers and exporters. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8947EHC. 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

The certificate can be used for the export to Kuwait of aquatic animals and products derived from aquatic animals, both marine and fresh water, from the UK.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL INSPECTOR

This certificate may be signed by a Food Competent Certifying Officer (FCCO) or an Official Veterinarian (OV)], designated by the APHA on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government.

OVs must hold the Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) Products (OCQ(V)PX) authorisation.

In Northern Ireland, a Veterinary Certifying Officer or FCCO, appointed or designated, respectively, by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA) may issue this certificate.

Certifying Officers (COs) should sign and stamp the health certificate with their personal official stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN** that in which the certificate is printed and using a permanent ink.

In GB, a copy (paper or electronic; must be legible) of the completed certificate and any supporting documentation, must be kept for the minimum required time (usually three years) and may be requested for audit and other purposes.

In Northern Ireland, the OV/AVI should keep a copy for their own records.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION (PARAGRAPHS 1-15 REFER)

These are broadly self-explanatory.

Country of origin (Paragraph 5 refers): This is the country of origin of the raw material used in the product. If the raw material is imported, the country of origin is the country in which the raw material was first processed/re-packaged.

Producer / packing establishment (Paragraphs 7 & 8 respectively refer). Where the packing establishment is the same as the producer, this box can be left empty.

4. HEALTH INFORMATION (PARAGRAPH 16 REFERS)

Paragraph 16.1 requires fitness for human consumption. This can be certified on the basis that the products were produced in an establishment approved in accordance with the relevant Regulations, and are health marked or identified (either the packages or accompanying document), as appropriate, in accordance with the Regulations.

Paragraph 16.1 also requires that the products are derived from non-toxic species. This can be certified on the basis of attestations from the exporter.

Paragraph 16.1 also requires certification that in the case of aquaculture sites are under the control of the relevant competent authority and that the products have been produced under HACCP / GMP procedures. In the case of non-aquaculture producers, the site operates under food safety principles. These can be certified on the basis of the certifying officer's knowledge of the establishment and relevant documentary evidence.

Paragraph 16.2 is optional in the event that other attestations / declarations are deemed necessary. This paragraph may be crossed with a diagonal line if not applicable.

5. 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>

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