

## EXPORT OF DAY-OLD CHICKS TO BANGLADESH

### NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

#### **IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5532EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5532EHC. 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.**

This certificate is for the export of day-old chicks of the domestic fowl species to Bangladesh.

#### **2. 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 Certification 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.

### **3. Clinical inspection**

The inspection at paragraph IV. a) must be carried out within 24 hours of the intended time of export.

The inspection of the flock of origin at paragraph IV. b) must be carried out within 28 days of the intended date of export.

At paragraph IV. c) 'evidence' shall be interpreted as including clinical signs, information derived from flock records, laboratory test records and pathological reports.

### **4. Support certification**

When the flock of origin is inspected by a different Official Veterinarian, they should complete form 5532SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in paragraphs IV. b), c), f), h) and either j) or k) of 5532EHC are complied with.

### **5. Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV. d) and g) refer. These paragraphs may 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 in Carlisle). In the case of Northern Ireland, a similar written authority must be obtained from the issuing office in Northern Ireland.

Flocks of origin and hatcheries must be in the UK. At times when the UK is not officially free of notifiable avian influenza, authority to certify part IV. d) (ii) will be given when all origin premises are outside of any disease control zone in place due to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry - farms at the time of collection of the eggs and hatcheries at the time of hatching. However, if requirements as stated in an import permit received from the importing authorities differ, this should be raised to the issuing office for advice.

### **6. Laboratory Tests**

Paragraphs IV. f) and j) refers.

For f), the flock of origin should be sampled in accordance with the WOH Code and using statistical sample size (95/5).

For j), which is only applicable to flocks not part of the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS), all birds comprising the flock of origin must be sampled.

The samples shall either be sent to APHA Weybridge / Lasswade, AFBI Stormont or another Government (UKAS) accredited veterinary laboratory.

The exporter should make arrangements in advance with the laboratory to obtain the necessary data about the materials for the avian influenza test. Samples shall be submitted to allow for the necessary turnaround time of the testing. The test results must be attached to the veterinary health certificate.

**7. Vaccination History**

Paragraphs IV. h) refers. If the veterinarian responsible for the flock of origin cannot certify this statement based on their personal knowledge, they should obtain a written declaration from the flock owner/manager.

Concerning vaccination against avian influenza, the vaccination of poultry for avian influenza in the UK is forbidden, except with special dispensation.

**8. Poultry Health Scheme Membership**

Paragraph IV. k) may be certified provided that the OV has received written confirmation from APHA/DAERA that the flock(s) of origin and the hatchery are current members of the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS). In this case, paragraph IV. j) should be deleted.

**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: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)

**10. 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](mailto:WIT@apha.gov.uk)

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