

EXPORT OF DAY-OLD CHICKS AND DAY OLD DUCKLINGS TO VIETNAM

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to the Official Veterinarian (OV) and the exporter. The NFG should have been issued to you together with its related export health certificate. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the health certificate. 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 or day old ducklings of domestic types from the United Kingdom to Vietnam.

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.

OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the 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.

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 of the chicks/ducklings**

The inspection in paragraph IV. a) must be carried out within 24 hours prior to export.

4. **Clinical Inspection of Flock or Origin**

At paragraph IV. b) the inspection of the flocks must be carried out within one month prior to export.

At paragraph IV. d) 'clinical evidence' should be interpreted as including clinical observations, information from production and mortality records, laboratory reports, and pathological examinations.

5. **Poultry Health Scheme Membership**

Paragraph IV. c) refers. Note that the paragraph specifies membership of a government supervised poultry health scheme. This means either the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) within Great Britain, or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS) within Northern Ireland. Both schemes fully implement the conditions of the EU poultry trade Directive 2009/158/EC, including the requirement for regular inspections by an official veterinarian.

The OV may certify membership of a poultry health scheme provided that he/she has received written confirmation from APHA (form 618NDC), which will be sent to them before shipment (or the equivalent arrangement in Northern Ireland).

Concerning the negative results of testing, the OV is responsible for checking the laboratory report forms to ensure that all the received results during the past 6 months have been negative.

6. **Notifiable Disease**

Paragraphs IV. e) and f) may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) from APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or the equivalent in Northern Ireland, which will be sent to them before shipment.

At times when the UK is not officially free of notifiable avian influenza, authority to certify IV. e) (ii) will be given when the flocks of origin and hatchery, at the time the eggs/birds are moved from the premises, were not located in a 10km disease control zone in place for the control of notifiable avian influenza from the date the zone was restricted until the EU lifting date. 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.

7. **Marek's vaccination**

Paragraph IV. g) applies only to day old chicks and must be deleted in the case of ducklings. An authorised product is any vaccine which has a valid marketing authorisation for use in the United Kingdom issued by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate.

8. **Conditions of Incubation and Hatching**

Paragraph IV. h) refers. The OV must certify this paragraph on the basis of his/her knowledge of procedures at the hatchery. If necessary the OV should ask the hatchery manager to provide a written statement in support of the paragraph.

9. **Owner's Declaration**

Paragraph IV. j) refers. The owner's written declaration should not be attached to the health certificate, but retained for record purposes.

10. **Support Certification**

When the flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian, he/she should complete form 3389SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in paragraphs IV. b), c) and d) of 3389EHC are complied with.

11. **No paragraph (i)**

The paragraph notation in the certificate reads IV (h) to IV (j) with paragraph IV (i) omitted. This is intentional to avoid confusion, as roman numeral 'i' may be used to number indented sub-paragraphs.

12. **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

13. **Welfare during travel**

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.