

**EXPORT OF CERVIDS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE STATE OF QATAR
NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with an export certificate 8936EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8936EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. Scope of the Certificate

Export health certificate 8936EHC may be used for export of cervids from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Qatar.

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**.

Section B of this certificate can only be signed by the official government veterinarian (APHA)

Section C of this certificate can be signed by the local official veterinarian at the port of embarkation.

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 On-Line (DECOL) 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. Identification of the animal

Paragraph I refers: Identification of the animal(s) in the consignment should be as detailed as possible to enable identification of individual animals, and should include, coat colour, the rump pattern including hair patterns such as white patches and antler shape if male. Details of species, sex and age are to be included.

4. Details of consignment

Paragraph II refers. Details of the consignor, consignee, place of origin including the approval number, place of destination as well as place of loading and means of transport including flight number, vessel name etc as appropriate should be included.

5. Health information

Paragraph III refers.

- a) **The clinical examination must be carried out within 24 hours of the animal(s) being loaded for export. Clinical examination is required by the OV within 24 hours of loading onto the conveyance for transport to the port of embarkation. Each animal subject to an examination must be assessed as an individual. OVs must use their professional judgement to determine the level of examination required in order to ensure that no animal is exported which shows signs of contagious or communicable disease, open wounds or external parasites and that all animals are fit to travel.**
- b) **This can be certified on the basis that the diseases listed in this paragraph are compulsory notifiable in the UK. The list of compulsory notifiable diseases in UK can be found under this link: https://improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions-file.php?unique_id=6724f0d9f0067&file_type=Form&action=view**
- c) **and d) This can be certified based on personal knowledge of the herd(s) of origin of the animals for export or supporting certification from a private veterinarian with knowledge of the herd(s) of origin. If the OV does not have personal knowledge of the premises he/she must obtain a written support statement from another veterinarian who does have such knowledge.**
- e) **An exporter's declaration is required to enable certification of some statements in the paragraph. A signed declaration should be provided to this effect. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence.**

f) This can be certified based on personal knowledge of the herd(s) of origin of the animals for export or supporting certification from a private veterinarian with knowledge of the herd(s) of origin. If the OV does not have personal knowledge of the premises he/she must obtain a written support statement from another veterinarian who does have such knowledge. OV should retain copy of test reports for their records.

g) and h) This can be certified based on the OV obtaining and verifying the test results. OV should retain copy of test reports for their records.

i) and j) An exporter's declaration may be required to enable certification of the paragraph. A signed declaration should be provided to this effect. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence.

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