

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR ANIMALS OF THE PORCINE SPECIES FOR BREEDING OR PRODUCTION TO THE ISLE OF MAN - 6964EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT NOTE

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6964EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but should be read in conjunction with certificate 6964EHC.

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1. SCOPE

6964EHC must be used for pigs for breeding or production exported from the premises of origin to their destination in the Isle of Man. One certificate should be issued for each consignment of animals, i.e. for animals travelling from one premises of origin to the same place of destination in one vehicle (a lorry with separate trailer counts as two vehicles).

Animals to be exported must have been resident on the holding of origin for the past 30 days prior to export or since birth if less than 30 days of age.

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2. IMPORT PERMIT

Prior to making arrangements for export, exporters are advised to contact the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, The Sileau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St Johns, Isle of Man, IM4 3AS for advice regarding import permits and any other documents that may be required. Email: agriculture@gov.im and telephone 01624 685844

3. 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 ink of a different colour to that of the printing.

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

Certifying OV's 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 OV's 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 EHCs produced by the DAERA Export Certification System (DECS) must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within one 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 two 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.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

4. OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION

Section II refers. In Great Britain, all pigs must be identified in accordance with The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) (England) Order 2011 and parallel legislation in the devolved administrations of Wales and Scotland. In Northern Ireland, all pigs must be identified in accordance with The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012.

Animals intended for export from the United Kingdom must be marked with an identification mark. The identification mark must include

the letters 'UK', followed by the officially authorised herd mark and a unique identification number allotted to the pig by the keeper (e.g. UK AB1234 0001).

OVs must be satisfied that each animal is individually identified in accordance with the schedule to the health certificate. The OV may wish to read the identification marks personally, or they may be read by a responsible person under the direction of the certifying veterinarian. The terms 'direction' and 'supervision' are defined in the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct.

5. **SCHEDULES**

Section II refers. A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in the table at Section II. Section II of the certificate must be annotated 'See Attached Schedule'.

Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian. The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate.

Certificates that include more than one page must be numbered, signed and stamped on each page of the certificate.

6. **LISTED DISEASES - ANNEX I TO DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/692**

Paragraph V.3 refers. The diseases relevant to pigs referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 are as follows:

Foot and mouth disease; classical swine fever, African swine fever; Rinderpest (cattle plague), swine vesicular disease, Teschen disease, vesicular stomatitis, Aujeszky's Disease, bovine tuberculosis, bovine brucellosis (B. abortus), brucellosis of pigs (B suis), anthrax, rabies, campylobacteriosis, listeriosis, salmonellosis (zoonotic salmonella), trichinellosis, verotoxigenic E. coli, porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS).

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

OVs may certify paragraphs V.4, V.6, V.7, V.8, V.9 and V.10 of the certificate on behalf of the Department, provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA CIT at Carlisle or via disease clearance procedures in DAERA.

8. **TRANSPORT TO PORT / AIRPORT OF DEPARTURE**

The certifying Official Veterinarian must obtain the written declaration referred to in paragraph V.11. For convenience this can be found at **Annex A** to these notes.

The design of the containers, the recommended species requirements, and preparation for transport must be in accordance with the recommendations of the WOAH International Animal Health Code and, if applicable in the case of transport by air, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations.

For further information on OIE recommendations, exporters and Official Veterinarians should contact the APHA at Carlisle, or in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at the addresses stated below.

9. **WELFARE DURING TRANSPORT**

Welfare conditions during transport are implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

This legislation makes provision for the administration and enforcement of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland and Wales: the APHA CIT at Carlisle at Livestockexports@apha.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301.

Northern Ireland: the local DAERA Direct Regional office.

10. **DISCLAIMER**

It is the responsibility of the exporter to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country, if these are available. If the permit or advice do not match the assurances provided on 6964EHC, in the case of export from Great Britain, the exporter should contact the APHA CIT at Carlisle at product.exports@apha.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301.

For export from Northern Ireland, exporters should contact the relevant DAERA Trade Administration Team:

- for live animals and animal products by email at TradeAdminPost@daera-ni.gov.uk or by telephone 028 77442 141.

- for meat and dairy exports- vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or 028 77442 060

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TRANSPORT DECLARATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE OWNER / AGENT OF THE OWNER / EXPORTER OF THE ANIMALS

Health Certificate Reference No:.....

1. I,(name in block capitals)
of
.....(address)
am the *owner / *agent of the owner / *exporter of the breeding pigs to be exported to the Isle of Man accompanied by export health certificate 6964EHC, the reference number of which appears above.

2. I hereby declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the following statements are correct and true with regard to the above consignment:

The following arrangements have been made regarding the transportation of the animals from the premises to the place of embarkation:

EHC Paragraph	Declaration	YES (Initial)
V.11	The said animals will be transported direct from the premises to the place of embarkation in vehicles cleansed and disinfected with an officially approved disinfectant and without coming into contact with animals not similarly certified.	

Signature

Date