

EXPORT OF INSECTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8968EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8968EHC. 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 may be used to accompany the export of insects from the United Kingdom to the Republic of Kenya.

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.

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 Practitioner (aPVPs) certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates 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.

2. **Import permit** : the OV must ensure that they are aware of the import permit and that it is to accompany the consignment.

3. **Addresses and Transport**

Parts II & III refer. The exporter should complete the information required in the sections to be completed, by inserting the

- Full name and address of the Exporter / Consignor.
- Full name and address of the Consignee / importer.
- Means of transport e.g. road/air.

4. **Identification / description of the animals**

Part I refers. The exporter must ensure that the OV is able to identify the insects in the packages and containers containing them by ensuring that the contents are visible to enable the OV to inspect the contents of the containers or packages.

The containers and packages must be clearly labelled with the species, scientific name and quantity enclosed in each package or container. For the purposes of this certificate the total number of animals should be entered in the quantity column. The number of packages/containers containing the species to be exported in the consignment could be entered in the appropriate column.

5. **Clinical inspection of health, freedom from clinical signs of infection and fitness to travel**

The inspection at Part IV (a) does not specify the timeframe in which the consignment should be inspected but in general it is recommended to be carried out within 48 hours of export. The inspection should be arranged between the exporter and Official Veterinarian to be carried out on a date and time convenient to the Official Veterinarian, prior to despatch of the consignment.

If the Official Veterinarian is not familiar with the normal appearance of the species to be exported, they should consult colleague and/or relevant literature.

The Official Veterinarian should note that it is important to consider the health of insects for export as a group. The appearance of the insects may vary slightly but the Official Veterinarian should consider first principles of indications of health or disease.

The batch of insects must be assessed as alive - i.e. they must not be assessed as dead or dying. The batch should be reasonably consistent in shape, size and coloration.

Freedom from diseases should be based on the above inspection as

well as on a declaration from the exporter - see below paragraph 6.
- that the premises of origin were controlled and free from
infectious and unintended diseases.

Certification of fitness to travel can be provided on the basis that
the insects are considered to be clinically healthy.

6. **Exporter's declarations**

The OV must obtain a written assurance from the owner/exporter in
order to certify this paragraph is complied with. The declarations
should not be attached to the health certificate but should be
retained by the OV for record purposes.

7. **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