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EXPORT OF RABBITS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO MAURITIUS

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8967EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8967EHC. 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**

Export health certificate 8967EHC may be used for the export of rabbits from the United Kingdom to Mauritius.

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 ink of a different colour to that of the printing.

Countersignature Requirements

This certificate must be countersigned by a salaried Veterinary Official of the National Government in the Department of Environmental Food Rural Affairs in Great Britain or Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland. Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHC 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 CITA may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation 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.

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

3. **ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL(S)**

Part I 1-15. refers. Full details must be provided as required.

4. **IDENTIFICATION OF THE COMMODITIES**

Part I.16 refers. The animals must be individually identified by means of a microchip. The identification numbers should be recorded in the table.

5. **HEALTH INFORMATION**

Part II refers.

II.I Tularemia:

This section can be certified on the basis that the disease has never been recorded in the UK. For updated version of UK status for non-notifiable diseases relevant to export certification, OV must refer to list under this link:

[ET152 UK status for non-notifiable disease relevant to export certification](#)

Given that Tularemia has never been recorded in the UK, Parts I.3 and I.4 can be deleted.

II.II New world and old world screwworm:

Part II.8 can be certified on the basis that these diseases have never been recorded in the UK. For updated version of UK status for non-notifiable diseases relevant to export certification, OV must refer to list under this link:

[ET152 UK status for non-notifiable disease relevant to export certification](#)

Given that New world and old world screwworm have never been recorded in the UK, Parts II.5, II.6 and II.7 can be deleted.

II.III Myxomatosis:

Part III.9 can be certified on the basis of clinical examination of the day of the shipment.

Part III.10 - OVs should check establishment records and/or check with the veterinarian responsible for the establishment (if a different person) and collect evidence as necessary for themselves.

II.IV Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD):

RHD is present in the UK, therefore the first section with Parts IV.11-14 should be deleted.

Ovs must select and certify the applicable "OR" option in this section and can delete the other option.

The applicable option is to be certified based on clinical examination, checking establishment records, clinical records/ laboratory records, etc and/or check with the veterinarian responsible for the establishment (if a different person) and collect evidence as necessary for themselves.

II.V Rabies:

Point 27. OVs may certify these paragraphs on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

OV can certify the remaining points in this section based on the clinical examination, checking establishment records, clinical records/ laboratory records, etc and/or check with the veterinarian responsible for the establishment (if a different person) and collect evidence as necessary for themselves.

For updated version of UK status for notifiable diseases relevant to export certification, OV must refer to list under this link

[ET171 Notifiable disease occurrence list for Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#)

If animals were imported to the UK, OV must verify that they were imported in accordance with relevant Articles within the WOH terrestrial code, in relation to Rabies.

6. WELFARE

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the UK 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. Further information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-healthagency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DAERA Helpline number: 0300 200 7852

DAERA Helpline email: daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk

DAERA Textphone: 18001 0300 200 7852

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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