

EXPORT OF BREEDING DAY OLD CHICKEN TO INDONESIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1255EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1255EHC. 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 breeding day old chicken to Indonesia.

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.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with 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. Notifiable Disease Clearance

Paragraph IV. a) refers. This paragraph may be certified provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to them by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Exports in Carlisle). In the case of Northern Ireland, a similar written authority must be obtained from the issuing office in Northern Ireland.

The 'country' option can be certified when the UK is officially free from notifiable avian influenza. Otherwise, either the 'zone' option where all origin premises are outside of a disease control zone in place due to an outbreak of the stated disease, or the 'compartment' option where all farms and hatcheries are within the official GB Compartment Scheme, may be certified accordingly.

4. Avian Influenza vaccination

Paragraph IV. b) refers. This can be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of procedures at the hatchery or on appropriate assurance from the owner.

5. Registration of origin premises

Paragraph IV. c) refers. Farms and hatcheries must be officially registered with the relevant UK competent authority. This can be certified on the basis of a flock or holding registration number allocated by the competent authority.

6. Flock disease clearance

Paragraph IV. d) refers. Flocks of origin must be free from clinical signs of the stated diseases, for the 6 months prior to export. 'Evidence' should be interpreted as including clinical signs, information derived from flock production and mortality records, laboratory test records, and pathological reports on post mortem examinations.

7. National Surveillance Programme for Salmonella

Paragraph IV. e) refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the flock(s) of origin have been routinely monitored for salmonellas of concern as required under the National Control Programme for Salmonella. The programme lays down procedures for the routine monitoring of chicken and turkey breeding flocks for zoonotic Salmonellas.

The OV is personally responsible for checking that testing has been carried out, either with negative results or that any suspicion of infection has been ruled out on re-examination (for doubtful or positive results).

8. Disinfection/Sanitisation of the eggs

Paragraph IV. f) refers. The eggs must be disinfected and the hatchery equipment fumigated prior to hatching. Disinfection of eggs can take

place either at the farm or the hatchery. The OV can certify based on knowledge of procedures at the hatchery or on relevant support documentation from the farm or hatchery.

9. Marek's Vaccination

Paragraph IV. g) refers. The parent flock of the chicks must have been vaccinated against Marek's disease. This paragraph may be certified by the OV on the basis of a written declaration from the owner/exporter which must not be attached to the certificate but should be retained by the certifying OV for record purposes.

10. Coccidiosis vaccination History

Paragraph IV. h) refers. Vaccination of the parent flocks against coccidiosis is not mandatory. However, if they have been vaccinated they must comply with the conditions of option a. The export OV must delete the paragraph that does not apply. If the veterinarian responsible for the flock of origin cannot certify this statement based on their personal knowledge, they should obtain a written declaration from the flock veterinarian or owner/manager. It is not necessary to provide specific details of the vaccination within the certification.

11. Clinical inspection

Paragraph IV. i) refers. The chicks must be inspected within 24 hours of the intended time of export, and show no clinical signs of infection.

12. Support certification

When the flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian, the certifying OV should seek relevant written assurances from the flock vet that clauses relating to the farm/flock have been met. Form 1255SUP (Support Health Certificate) is available for this purpose, for completion by the flock veterinarian regarding paragraphs IV. c), d), e, f), g) and h) with regards to the origin farm/flock.

13. Welfare

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.

14. 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>

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