

EXPORT OF HIGHLY REFINED CHONDROITIN SULPHATE, HYALURONIC ACID, OTHER HYDROLYSED CARTILAGE PRODUCTS, CHITOSAN, GLUCOSAMINE, RENNET, ISINGLASS AND AMINO ACIDS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION TO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF UKRAINE - 8952EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8952EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8952EHC.

The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8952EHC. 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 8952EHC may be used for the export of highly refined chondroitin sulphate, hyaluronic acid, other hydrolysed cartilage products, chitosan, glucosamine, rennet, isinglass and amino acids intended for human consumption to the Customs Territory of Ukraine.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA-NI). OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle within seven days of signing.

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

In NI, as certification is provided by Government veterinarians and copies of certificates are stored on the official database (HPRM), this is not required.

Foreign Text

The Certifying Official should note that the foreign text in this certificate is an official translation of the English text and the Certifying Official is accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, even if they are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text.

3. FORMAT OF THE CERTIFICATE

The format, paragraph numbering and content of this certificate is based on the bilingual model certificate provided by the Ukrainian authorities and, as such, some of the English may be unclear.

4. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DESPATCHED CONSIGNMENT

I.3 - Central Competent Authority

This has been prepopulated with "Defra".

I.4 - Local Competent Authority

This field has been prepopulated with **APHA** for GB users.
Where the exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.

I.6 - intentionally struck through.

I.7 and I.9 - Country ISO Codes

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for the whole of the **United Kingdom** is "GB" and **Box I.7.** has been prepopulated accordingly.

The ISO Code for **Customs Territory of Ukraine** is "UA" and **Box I.9.** has been populated to reflect this.

I.10 - intentionally struck through.

I.11 - Approval/Registration Number

Establishments using this certificate must have evidence of approval under regulation 853/2004 or be registered as a food business with their local authority.

List of approved premises can be found here:

[Approved food establishments | Food Standards Agency](#)

The approval or registration number may be confirmed on sight of a valid LA-issued approval document or by reference to the responsible local APHA or DAERA office or FSA/FSS lists.

I.12 - intentionally struck through.

I.13 - Place of loading

The place of loading or the port of embarkation must be entered.

I.14 - Date of departure

The date of departure must be entered.

I.15 - Means of transport

The means of transport, i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, or road vehicle, must be indicated.

The flight number, name of the vessel, the train number and rail car or the number plate of the road vehicle should be entered as the *means of identification* as appropriate.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry.

Optionally, the number of the airway bill, bill of lading, or the commercial number of the train or road vehicle may be entered as the documentary reference.

I.16 - Entry point

The exporter must advise the OV of the point of entry into the

destination country and this must be entered.
This should include the name of the specific port of entry as well as the city.

I.17 - intentionally struck through

I.18 - Description of commodity

A veterinary description of the goods or a description based on the applicable HS Code (see below) must be entered. The use of brand names or trademarks should be avoided.

I.19 - HS Code

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics.

The appropriate HS Code should be entered in **Box I.19**.

The OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code used correctly describes the products being consigned.

Information on HS Codes can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>
and

<http://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm>

I.20 - Quantity of Product

Insert the total gross and net weights in Kg.

I.21 - Temperature of product

Indicate whether the transport/storage temperature is ambient, chilled or frozen.

I.22 - Number of packages

Insert the number of packages in the consignment.

I.23 - Seal/container no.

The seal or container number of the consignment should be entered here.

I.24 - Type of packaging

Enter the type of packaging in the space provided.

I.25 - Commodities certified for

Indicate the intended use of the product - *human consumption* is the only option available.

I.26 - intentionally struck through

I.27 - For import or admission

The box should be ticked to confirm that this is an import, or admission, as opposed to transshipment.

I.28 - Official Identification

For the purposes of this certificate, the species referred to in the 1st column of **Box I.28** refers to the species from which the products were derived.

If the consignment consists of several different types of products then it may be necessary to use a separate schedule to identify the full consignment.

The schedule must, as a *minimum*, contain the same information as that required in **Box I.28** of the certificate and this box 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, and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also.

Any blank spaces in the schedule or in **Box I.28** should be deleted with diagonal lines.

5. **LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES**

Although the health attestation refers to

"in accordance with Ukrainian legislation",

the certifying OV can sign these clauses on the basis of agreed equivalence between UK and Ukrainian sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, as described in the SPS chapter of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the UK and Ukraine.

6. **COMPLETION OF PART II - PUBLIC HEALTH ATTESTATION**

This section can be signed based on familiarity with the procedures within the production establishment, informed by physical inspection and by examination of relevant documentation or other records, including commercial documentation, veterinary statements, laboratory analysis and, if relevant, valid declarations.

Additionally, reference should be made to relevant EU directives which were enforced by the Food Hygiene Legislations 2016, and of the packaging and handling of the products.

II.1.1 HACCP Principles

II.1.1 can be certified based on the approval number as all approved premises in the UK implement a HACCP based system as required by regulation 852/2004 or confirmation from the LA for registered premises.

II.1.2 - Compliance with food safety and quality requirements

This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the production and/or processing plants are approved for the purposes of food production in accordance with UK law (**regs relevant here are reg 852/2004 and 853/2004**), and on sight of the relevant documentation as required.

II.1.3 - Fitness for Human Consumption

This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the production and/or processing plants are approved for the purposes of food production in accordance with UK law, and as such comply with UK and EU regulations relating to microbiological criteria for foodstuffs.

The first part can be certified if evidence is provided that products are coming from a UK-approved premises.

II.1.3 second part (fish) can be certified only IF the production and/or processing plants are approved for the purposes of food production in accordance with UK law (**regs relevant here are reg 852/2004 and 853/2004**), and on sight of the relevant documentation as required.

Strike through any inapplicable clause.

II.1.4 - Packaging

This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the production and/or processing plants are approved for the purposes of food production in accordance with UK law, including food hygiene legislation, provided that the CO is satisfied that the production and/or processing plants are in compliance with these requirements.

**II.1.5 - Disinfection of Means of Transport
and**

II.1.6 - Amino Acids/ Food Additives

These paragraphs can be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge or relevant evidence presented to them.

7. DISCLAIMER

The certificate and these notes are provided on the basis of information available at the time of drafting, 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 (CIT) - Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>

In Northern Ireland, please contact the DAERA trade administration team:

- e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk
- Phone - 02877442146