

EXPORT OF DAY-OLD CHICKS TO MALI

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7460EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8900EHC. 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 covers the export of day-old birds of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus* from the UK to Mali.

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.

OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the 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 Certificate 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. **Import Licence**

Exporters are responsible for ascertaining whether an import permit is a compulsory requirement in the importing country, and if so, for ensuring that they, or the importer in case of transfer of ownership, have obtained the necessary permit.

4. **Export of day-old poultry hatched from imported eggs**

For exports of day-old poultry hatched of eggs from farms of origin outside of the UK, this can be permitted provided that there is nothing within any additional import conditions/permit from Mali which requires flocks of origin to be based in the UK.

The OV should confirm the relevant assurances regarding the flocks of origin are met. Such information could be contained within a GB import health certificate or other documents providing assurance from the country in which the flocks of origin reside.

In addition, exporters and OVs should be aware that to export day-old poultry from imported hatching eggs, a specific domestic import licence granting authorisation for such movement may be needed from APHA. For further details or to request this license contact: imports@apha.gov.uk

5. **Clinical inspection**

Paragraph IV. a) refers. Day-old chicks for export must be inspected by the certifying Official Veterinarian and found to be clinically healthy and free from any clinical signs of contagious diseases.

6. **Disease assurances**

Paragraph IV. b) refers. Assurance must be given for the holdings of origin (farms and hatcheries) concerning the diseases stated in the certificate.

For Newcastle disease (ND) and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), please see the section 7 of these Notes for guidance (Notifiable Disease Clearance).

For other stated diseases, premises of origin must not have had any cases during the last 90 days. This can be verified by farm/hatchery records.

When the UK flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian, they should complete form 7460SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in the flocks of origin are complied with.

For non-UK flocks of origin, equivalent support certification by an OV in the country of origin should be sought.

7. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV. b) (ND/HPAI only) and IV. e) refer. This may be certified for UK premises by the OV on the basis of written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to them by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or the relevant issuing office in Northern Ireland) before shipment, based on information provided at the time of application.

Origin farms and hatcheries must be outside the area of any restricted zones in place due to an outbreak of ND or HPAI, and not be within 10km of the location of an outbreak confirmed in the 90 days prior to export.

For non-UK farms of origin, the competent authority of the country of origin must provide similar clearance for the flock farms. The OV should retain this supporting evidence in their own records for a minimum of 2 years.

8. **Marek's disease vaccination**

Paragraph IV. c) refers. Day-old chicks must be vaccinated against Marek's disease. This can be certified based on the knowledge of the certifying OV, or based on a written declaration provided by the exporter.

9. **Membership of a government approved health scheme**

Paragraph IV. d) refers. This may be certified provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority from the issuing office.

For GB premises, this is the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) and authority will be provided by the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle.

For NI premises, this is the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS) and authority will be provided by DAERA.

For non-UK flocks of origin, this must be an equivalent poultry health scheme, and equivalent support documentation from the country of origin should be sought.

Part II. b) and c): For farms in the UK, and for the hatchery, the PHS/NIPHAS approval numbers must be included in addition to the name and address(es) of the premises. For farms outside of the UK, the approval number given by the authorities of that country must be included.

10. **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.

11. **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:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk