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TRANSHIPMENT/NON-MANIPULATION CERTIFICATE

FOR VACCINES, PATHOLOGICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES FOR LABORATORY,
PHARMACEUTICAL OR DIAGNOSTIC USE TRANSITING THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT - 7125EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 7125EHC and 372DMR

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7125EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7125EHC. 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

This export health certificate, 7125EHC, may be used for the **transit** of vaccines, pathological and biological samples for laboratory, pharmaceutical or diagnostic use from the United Kingdom through the Republic of South Africa. This certificate must not be used for final destinations in the Republic of South Africa.

The exporter must check that this export health certificate meets the conditions specified in a valid import permit for the consignment issued by the competent authority of the Republic of South Africa.

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/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI 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 OV's 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 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.

3. NATURE OF THE PRODUCT

Paragraph I(a) refers. The Official Veterinarian must check records provided by the exporter to confirm the nature of the product and that any relevant processes or procedures relevant to bio-containment have been applied to the material in the consignment. For example if the consignment contains an inactivated virus that causes epizootic disease (such as FMD virus), the Official Veterinarian must check records to confirm that the inactivation process(es) involved have been applied to the material in the consignment for export. These checks can be carried out by reference to records provided by the exporter and by sight of a signed declaration from a Veterinarian.

4. Paragraph IV 1 may be completed and certified on the basis that the consignment complies fully with the import permit issued by the final country of destination. Confirmation of compliance with the requirements of the destination country will require sight of a valid import permit and may include reference to a duly completed and signed official veterinary export health certificate.

5. Paragraph IV 2 may be certified on the basis that the shipping containers have been sealed under the certifying OV's direct supervision and that the seal numbers have been entered in the space provided.

6. Paragraph V refers. This paragraph must NOT be completed or signed by the OV. This paragraph is provided to facilitate official checks upon arrival in South Africa by persons authorised by the South African government ONLY.

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

