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NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

In relation to 8972 EHC titled:
EXPORT OF USED VETERINARY EQUIPMENT TO AUSTRALIA

Associated Documents: 8972 EHC

IMPORTANT
These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8972 EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8972 EHC. 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 may be used for the export of used veterinary equipment from the United Kingdom to Australia.

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 (DEFRA), 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

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) for the following EHC types:

If the commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids EHC's where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers 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 copies of issued certificates

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification System (DECS) produced EHCs must upload a legible scanned copy of the signed EHC to the DECS system (via AVP Portal or DECS Export Application notification email link, as appropriate) within 7 working days 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.

4. PART IV – Health information

The certifying officer should delete either paragraph 1 or 2 and certify the other based on the treatments applied to the consignment.

These paragraphs may be certified based on the certifying officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the treatment and transport arrangements, and on sight of any supporting documents as deemed necessary by the certifying officer.

These conditions are based on air freight transport which requires offshore treatment with virkon/virucidal or gamma 50kGy prior to export. Please see conditions here BICON - Case Overview.

For sea freight, the requirement does not include a mandatory offshore treatment requirement, instead there is an onshore treatment requirement.

If the equipment is treated offshore prior to loading for sea freight with a certificate that meets the airfreight requirements then Australia's DAFF may undertake an inspection and seek dispensation to the treatment.

DAFF will need to be in contact with the importer or preferably their customs broker to ensure smooth management on arrival.

7. SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS

Where declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process and/or declared intended use. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made. For best practice supporting declarations should be dated with a date close to the date of certification.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export

should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

8. DISCLAIMER

This certificate and these notes are 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 (CIT) – Carlisle, via the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#customer-service-centres-csc

In Northern Ireland, please contact the DAERA trade administration team at DAERAtradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk