

EXPORT OF CATTLE FOR BREEDING OR PRODUCTION TO THE ISLE OF MAN

HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV's) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1139EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1139EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

Associated Documents: 520EHC, 520SUP

1. **SCOPE**

Export health certificate 520EHC and supplementary declaration 520SUP should be used to accompany cattle exported for breeding or production to the Isle of Man. Only cattle over 15 days of age may be exported.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

An Official Veterinarian(OV) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government - Rural Directorate or the Welsh Government may sign the export health certificate as an Official Veterinarian.

OVs should affix the "Official Veterinarian" stamp to the certificate in the normal manner in any ink colour **Other than Black**.

A certified copy of the signed EHC must be faxed or couriered to SSC-Exports, Carlisle on the day of issue.

3. **IMPORTED CATTLE**

With the exception of cattle in transit from another Member State to the Isle of Man accompanied by a valid health certificate listing the premises of destination in the Isle of Man, cattle imported from Member States must be accompanied on re-export for breeding by health certificate 520EHC and supplementary health certificate 520SUP. It is a legal requirement for the original import health certificate to remain at the address in Great Britain to which the animals were consigned, for one year from the date of import.

4. **NUMBER OF ANIMALS**

Paragraph 1 refers. The number of animals should be completed both in letters and figures.

5. **IDENTIFICATION**

Council Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 lays down that all cattle born after 1 January 2000 should be double tagged with approved tags using the all-numeric code.

The derogation for cattle to be ear tagged with a single tag no longer applies and any cattle born before this date must have a second tag inserted before export.

6. The **exceptions** to this requirement are:

- (i) cattle identified with double alphanumeric ear tags up to 31 December 1999 do not need to be re-tagged with the all numeric ear tags;
- (ii) cattle identified with double alphanumeric ear tags during the extended derogation period between 1 January and 30 June 2000 **do not need to be** re-tagged with the all-numeric code before export.

7. **EAR TAGS**

Council Regulation (EC) No. 2629/97 lays down the detailed rules regarding ear tags;

- (a) Article 1 specifies that both ear tags shall contain the name, code or logo of the competent authority that allocated the ear tags and the characters on the ear tags shall be as follows;
 - (i) the first two positions identify the Member State of the holding where the animal was first identified
 - (ii) the characters following the country code shall be numeric and shall not exceed 12.
- (b) Article 2 specifies that the model of ear tag shall be of flexible plastic material, tamperproof, easy to read, not re-usable, carry non-removable inscriptions and not cause harm to the animal.
- (c) Article 3 specifies the size and construction of the tags, the size of the characters and the information provided (see (a) above)
- (d) Article 4 permits management information to be added to the secondary tag.

8. **PASSPORTS**

In the case of cattle exported to the Isle of Man, the person responsible for the animal at its destination must surrender the passport to the competent authority on the animal's arrival at the holding. An application should then be made for a passport in the Isle of Man.

9. **SCHEDULES**

Paragraph II refers. A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph II, and paragraph II must be annotated "see attached schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number. 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. One corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or in paragraph II should be deleted with diagonal lines.

10. **AGE**

Paragraph II refers. Official Veterinarians should note that the date of birth of the animals exported must be given at paragraph II on the attached schedule.

11. **EXAMINATION**

Paragraph V (a) refers. The examination should be carried out within 24 hours of loading. Animals may not be certified for export if there are signs of infectious and contagious disease including infestation with external parasites and active lesions of ringworm.

12. **DISEASE CLEARANCE - TUBERCULOSIS, BRUCELLOSIS AND ENZOOTIC BOVINE LEUKOSIS (EBL)**

Paragraph V (b) refers. In the case of animals loaded for export from their premises of origin, Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph V (b) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) Office, SSC -Exports, Carlisle on form 618NDC.

13. **TEST FOR TUBERCULOSIS**

Paragraph V (c) refers. A minimum of 42 days must lapse between the last tuberculosis test and the pre export test.

14. **SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION 520SUP**

The signed and stamped 520SUP must accompany the consignment to the Isle of Man. Part I of the Supplementary Declaration should be completed and signed by the owner or agent of the owner of the animals to be exported. Part II should be completed and signed by the Official Veterinarian. The Official Veterinarian should ensure that the owner or agent of the owner has read and understood the following guidance before signing Part I. The import conditions of the Isle of Man require that cattle for export from Great Britain for breeding and production must comply with the same movement rules as those currently in place for the movement of cattle between holdings in Great Britain, namely:

- (a) **Residency** - The animals for export must have been resident on the holding of origin for at least 20 days prior to export or since birth;
- (b) **Standstill** - No foot and mouth disease susceptible livestock may have moved on to the holding of origin during the previous 20 days in the case of pigs or, in the case of ruminants, the previous 6 days (England & Wales) or previous 13 days (Scotland), except for certain specified movements which are permitted without triggering a standstill.
- (c) **Transport** - Under the current rules commercial transport vehicles used to transport livestock on journeys over 10km, must be cleansed and disinfected at an approved disinfection centre, sealed at the centre and a certificate issued to say that the vehicle is approved to transport livestock. Information on approved centres may be obtained from the MLC (website address, www.mlc.org.uk), or in the case of Scotland from SEERAD, or contact your local DVM.

Before signing Part II of 520SUP, the Official Veterinarian should check the validity of the owner's/agent's declaration by reference to the farm movement records and vehicle cleansing and disinfection certificate.

15. **TRACES MESSAGES**

After certifying the consignment, the Official Veterinarian must ensure that a copy of the signed EHC and completed TRACES-CONF-NATIONAL is delivered or faxed to the issuing AHVLAO on the same day on which it is signed, to enable the production of a TRACES message (as a replacement for the ANIMO message).

In the case of an export not proceeding, the TRACES-CONF-NATIONAL form must be returned to the issuing AHVLAO with the unused certificate;

If the consignment date/time of departure has changed significantly, or a different vehicle is used, the exporter must notify the issuing AHVLAO.

16. **LABORATORY TESTS**

Samples must be sent for testing to the laboratories of the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA). The majority of pre-export tests are carried out at the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratory Agency (AHVLA New Haw, Weybridge, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB, Tel:01932 357335). Some tests are carried out at the regional AHVLA laboratories. For

operational reasons however, the laboratories involved may change periodically. Accordingly, OV's should check with the AHVLA to establish to which laboratories samples should be sent for testing. Samples should always be received in advance of the export date. If in doubt as to the procedures for collection, the requirement for transport medium if any, dispatch of samples and the length of time a test is likely to take, OV's should seek the advice of the relevant laboratory.

17. 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 Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/contactops.htm>

18. WELFARE

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales and N. Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

ENGLAND Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR
Tel: 0845 6038395/Fax: 01228 591900

SCOTLAND The Scottish Government - Rural and Environment Directorate,
Spur B, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive,
Edinburgh, EH11 3XD.
Tel: 0300 244 9243. Fax: 0300 244 9797.

WALES Welsh Government, Department for Rural Affairs
Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ
Tel: 02920 823593 / Fax: 02920 823352

NORTHERN IRELAND Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern
Ireland, Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper
Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

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