

EXPORT OF RAMS OVER 9 MONTHS OF AGE OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED BREEDS 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 (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1137EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1137EHC.

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: 1137EHC, 1137SUP

1. **SCOPE**

Export health certificate 1137EHC and supplementary declaration 1137SUP should be used to **accompany** rams over 9 months of age of certain specified breeds to the Isle of Man.

****NOTE:** Only rams over 9 months of age of the following six breeds may be exported to the Isle of Man using health certificate 1137EHC.

Paragraphs IV (b) and(c) refer:

- Scottish Blackface
- Cheviot
- Swaledale
- Blue-faced Leicester
- Derbyshire Gritstone
- Teeswater

For the export of sheep and goats over 9 months old certificate 1139EHC should be used.

3486EHC should be used for export of sheep and goats under 9 months old.

Exporters are advised to check the terms of their Import Permit from the Isle of Man.

OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS should receive a written declaration from the owner/exporter stating that the animals are over 9 months of age, as required at paragraph IV (b) - OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS should check the validity of the declaration on the basis of available farm records and the physical characteristics of the animal, including dentition. If the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN has any reason to doubt its validity, the Specialist Service Centre (SSC)- Exports, Carlisle should be consulted.

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. **IDENTIFICATION - Paragraph II of certificate 1137EHC refers**

Identification must comply with the requirements of the Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (England) Order 2009 ('SAGRIMO') or the equivalent SAGRIMO Orders in Wales and Scotland.

Official UK ear tags would normally bear the mark "UK", followed by a 6 digit flock or herd number, followed by an individual animal number with up to a further 5 digits (6 IF DOUBLE TAGGED PRIOR TO 31/12/2009:

- Animals **born or identified on or before 11 January 2008** may be single-tagged. The single tag would bear "UK", followed by the flock/herd number of the natal holding and the individual animal ID. **These animals cannot now be exported.**

Otherwise, IoM will accept animals from UK (and the Channel Islands) provided that:

- All animals for export **born or identified on or before 11 January 2008** if they are single tagged with "UK" followed by flock/herd number of the individual animal ID in accordance with SAGRIMO Orders.
- All animals for export born or identified on or after 31 December 2009 must have two identifiers, at least one of which must be an ear tag, the second identifier must presently be either
 - an EID ear tag (yellow), or
 - and EID ruminal bolus (in which case the accompanying conventional ear tag must be black.
- Animals for export do not require two identical holding of birth identifiers. They may instead carry two replacement identifiers (identical ID number on each) (which if they were two ear tags applied off the holding of birth must both be red), and, provided the replacement ID number is cross-referenced in the flock or herd register to the number of the holding of birth tag(s) that were replaced. (The guiding principle is that individually identified animals with red replacement tags can be exported so long as they are fully traceable).
- If intended for export via a sale, etc., animals must have the two identical UK identifiers (as mentioned above, not necessarily the holding of birth tags) applied before they leave the holding from which they are moved to the sale etc.

Ear tag manufacturers:

Details of suppliers of approved UK identifiers for sheep and goats and their products can be accessed via the RPA website links below:

- [Approved UK Official EID ear tags](#)
- [Approved UK official EID boluses](#)
- [Approved UK Conventional ear tags](#)

4. **RECORD-KEEPING:**

Exporters and assembly centre operators are obliged under SAGRIMO Order or the equivalent SAGRIMOS in Wales and Scotland to record the full identification number of the ear tag.

5. Paragraph IV (b) is signed on the basis of an owner's written declaration. If the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN has any reason to doubt the validity of the declaration, the **SSC- Exports, Carlisle** should be consulted.

6. Paragraph IV(c) refers. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN should receive a written declaration from the owner/exporter stating that the animals are over 9 months of age. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN should check the validity of the declaration on the basis of available farm records and the physical characteristics of the animals. If the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN has reason to doubt the validity of the declaration, the **SSC- Exports, Carlisle** should be consulted.

7. **POST IMPORT ISOLATION ARRANGEMENTS**

Prior approval of post-import isolation arrangements must be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Isle of Man.

8. **SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION 1137SUP**

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 sheep for export from Great Britain must comply with the following residency requirement:

- (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** - Transport vehicles must be cleansed and disinfected. A certificate issued prior to loading the animals for transport to The Isle of Man to say that the vehicle is approved to transport livestock is only required if the holding/area of origin is under Animal Health restrictions, and then only if specified in the licence issued under the Order.

Before signing Part II of 1137SUP, the Official Veterinarian should check the validity of the owner's/agent's declaration by reference to the farm movement records and, where appropriate, the vehicle cleansing and disinfection certificate.

9. **TRACES-CONF MESSAGE**

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 AHVLA office, usually **SSC - Exports, Carlisle** on the same day on which it is signed, to enable the production of a TRACES message.

In the case of an export not proceeding, the TRACES-CONF-NATIONAL form must be returned to the issuing AHVLA office, usually **SSC - Exports, Carlisle** 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 AHVLA office, usually **SSC- Exports, Carlisle**.

10. **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.

11. **DISCLAIMER**

The 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 Animal Health Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle via the link below:

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

12. **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 P, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive,
Edinburgh, EH11 3XD. Tel: 0300 244 9243. Fax: 0300 244
9797.

WALES

Welsh Government, 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, Belfast, BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

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