

EXPORT OF ANIMALS OF THE CAMELIDAE FAMILY FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO THE ISLE OF MAN

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

1. **Scope of the certificate.**

This certificate is for the export of camelids (camels, llamas, alpacas) from Great Britain to the Isle of Man.

2. **Official Signature**

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. **Import Permit**

Exporters should be aware that an import permit must be obtained from the authorities in the Isle of Man prior to import. Applications should be made to the Isle of Man Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Animal Health Division, Rose House, 51-59 Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 1AZ. Tel 01624 685604.

4. **Identification**

Paragraph I refers. Animals must be individually identified with a unique and permanent method, eg an eartag or a microchip. When the space in the identification section of the certificate is insufficient to accommodate details of all the animals in the consignment, a separate schedule may be used. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in the identification section of the certificate, which should be annotated "see attached schedule". The certifying OV must draw a line under the last entry and sign, date and affix the OV stamp in a colour other than black on each page of the schedule and also under the last entry, in order to prevent the unauthorised addition of more entries. The pages of the schedule must be firmly stapled to the export health certificate and each referenced with the unique reference number at the top right-hand corner of the export health certificate. The corners of each sheet should be turned over, 'fanned', and stamped with the OV stamp.

Where the identification is by microchip the official veterinarian must verify the number by the use of a reader. It is the responsibility of the owner/exporter to ensure that an appropriate microchip reader is available. For this reason it is recommended that the microchip brand should be a type on the International Standards Office (ISO) list so that compatible readers can easily be obtained.

5. **Owner's Declaration**

Paragraphs IV(b) and (g) refer. The OV must obtain a declaration in writing from the owner/exporter. This declaration should not be attached to the certificate, but should be kept by the OV for record purposes. The OV may request the exporter to produce further documentary evidence such as movement records, bills of sale, import documents etc to support the written declaration if he/she feels this is appropriate. If the OV has any cause to doubt the validity of the owners declaration, the **Specialist Service Centre (SSC)- Exports, Carlisle** should be consulted.

'Legally imported' means in accordance with a specific import licence issued by Defra/Scottish Govt/Welsh Govt.

Note also the residence condition in paragraph IV (g) (ii) of the certificate. The animals must have been resident at the premises of origin for at least 20 days immediately prior to export.

With reference to the disinfection of vehicles, disinfectants are approved by Defra under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1978 (as amended). The list contains over 200 brands of disinfectant approved on the basis of their efficacy against certain notifiable disease viruses. The 'general list' instructions should be followed. DEFRA approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions.

With reference to the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 and its equivalent in Scotland and Wales, the Order requires a standstill of movements of domestic livestock off any premises for 20 days after any domestic livestock have been moved on.

6. **Premises of Origin Freedom**

Paragraph IV (c) refers. If the OV does not have sufficient personal knowledge of the premises of origin to enable him/her to certify this paragraph, he/she must obtain a written support statement from any other veterinarians who have had regular responsibility for the animals at those premises.

7. **Tuberculin Test**

Paragraph IV (d) refers. The recommended site for the tuberculin test in Camelidae is the skin of the chest behind the elbows. If any animal tested shows a reaction the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) must be notified.

8. **Brucellosis test**

Paragraph IV (e) refers. Samples must be submitted to a laboratory of the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA). They should be submitted in time to get the result well before the proposed export date, and if in doubt about the length of time or any other aspect of the test, the OV should consult the AHVLA laboratory in advance.

9. **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/centrops.htm>

10 **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, 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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