

EXPORT TO JORDAN OF MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS OF BOVINE ORIGIN PRODUCED IN THE EUROPEAN UNION FROM ANIMALS RESIDENT IN EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES - 7060EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7060EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7060EHC.

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.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 7060EHC may be used for the export of fresh/frozen meat and meat products of bovine origin originating from EU Member States from the United Kingdom to Jordan.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or a Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government Rural Directorate, the Welsh Government Department for Rural Affairs or by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland (DARD), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate export panel for export purposes.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour other than black.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DARD, Dundonald House, Belfast.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. OBTAINING AN IMPORT PERMIT

The exporter/agent should be aware of the requirements of the importing country particularly with respect to the requirement for an import permit. The import permit number should be given in the health certificate at paragraph III(e).

4. TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (TSE) STATEMENTS

Paragraphs IV(a), IV(b), IV(d) and IV(e) refer. These paragraphs may be certified on the basis that these are requirements of the TSE

legislation (Regulation (EC) No. 999/2001, as transposed into national legislation). The UK competent authorities (Defra, the Devolved Administrations and the Food Standards Agency) ensure compliance with the legislation.

5. FITNESS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Paragraphs IV(c), IV(f), IV(g) and IV(h) refer. These paragraphs may be certified on the basis of presence of the EU oval mark and evidence that the slaughterhouse, cutting plant, meat products plant (if applicable) and cold store are officially approved and operating in accordance with Regulations (EC) Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004, as transposed into national legislation.

Paragraph IV(f) may additionally be certified on the basis of the microbiological monitoring required by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2073/2005.

6. RESIDUES AND OTHER UNAUTHORISED SUBSTANCES

Paragraph IV(j) may be certified on the basis of the results of the national surveillance scheme for residues, which EU approved meat establishments are subjected to. The national surveillance scheme implements Council Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC and the HACCP requirements in Regulation (EC) 854/2004 also places an obligation on all EU approved meat establishments to ensure compliance with these Directives. These Directives are transposed into national legislation by The Animals and Animal Products (Examinations for Residues and Maximum Limits) Regulations 1997.

7. TRANSPORT AND LOADING CONDITIONS

Paragraph IV(k) refers. OVs must be conversant with Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin which inter-alia lays down the requirements for transport of meat and meat products.

8. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE (FORM 618NDC)

Paragraphs IV(l) and IV(m)i. refer. In the case of bovine meat or meat products of UK origin, OVs may certify these paragraphs on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

Or for Northern Irish exports the relevant Divisional Veterinary office of DARD in Northern Ireland:

<http://www.dardni.gov.uk/vet-service-dvo-contacts.htm>

Paragraph IV(l): Fresh Meat originating from other EU Member States

In the case of fresh bovine meat originating from other EU Member States, OVs should note that European Regulations do not permit the

importation into EU Member States of fresh meat from EU countries or regions where the diseases referred to in paragraph IV(1) exist. Accordingly, paragraph IV(1) may be certified in the case of fresh meat legally imported from other EU Member States.

Paragraph IV(m)i.: Meat products originating from other EU Member States

In the case of meat products originating from other EU Member States, OV's should be aware that European Regulations do not permit the importation into EU member states of meat products from countries or regions where these notifiable diseases are present unless the products have been treated according to certain standards (as specified in Council Directive 2002/99/EC).

Accordingly, if the meat product has been imported from a country or region where these notifiable diseases are present, the OV must obtain certified evidence of such treatment to enable export from the UK.

9. HEAT TREATMENT STATEMENT

Paragraph IV(m)ii. may be certified on the basis of examination of the records of heat treatment carried out in the plant(s) involved and awareness of the relevant chapters of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Codes for FMD and Rinderpest.

Article 8.5.34. of the OIE Code specifies the following procedures for the inactivation of the FMD virus in meat. The same heat treatments are specified under Article 8.12.13 of the Code regarding Rinderpest.

(i) Canning

Meat is subjected to heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to reach an internal core temperature of at least 70°C for a minimum of 30 minutes or to any equivalent treatment which has been demonstrated to inactivate the FMD virus.

(ii) Thorough cooking

Meat, previously deboned and defatted, shall be subjected to heating so that an internal temperature of 70°C or greater is maintained for a minimum of 30 minutes.

After cooking, it shall be packed and handled in such a way that it cannot be exposed to a source of virus.

(iii) Drying after salting

When rigor mortis is complete, the meat must be deboned, salted with cooking salt (NaCl) and completely dried. It must not deteriorate at ambient temperature.

'Drying' is defined in terms of the ratio between water and protein which must not be greater than 2.25:1.

In addition, all necessary precautions must be taken after processing to avoid contact of the meat products with any possible source of FMD or Rinderpest virus.

For further advice regarding the completion of paragraph IV(m), OVs may wish to contact the AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle (or issuing office of DARD in Northern Ireland).

10. OMISSION OF PARAGRAPH IV(i)

The omission of paragraph IV(i) is deliberate to avoid confusion between the use of "i" as a Roman numeral and as the letter "i".

11. 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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

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