

EXPORT OF CHILLED/FROZEN MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS OF BOVINE ORIGIN TO MACAO

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV's) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7167EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7167EHC.

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

1. SCOPE

Export health certificate 7167EHC may be used for the export of meat of bovine origin (and meat products derived from such meat) to Macao.

The meat and meat products must be boneless and must have been derived from cattle less than 30 months of age at the time of slaughter and which were slaughtered on or after 19 February 2014, as agreed by the United Kingdom (UK) authorities and the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region.

The meat and meat products must not contain skull, brain, eyes, vertebral column, spinal cord, tonsil or terminal ileum.

2. IMPORT PERMIT

Prior to making arrangements to export chilled/frozen meat of bovine origin and bovine products to Macao, exporters are advised to contact the Department of Food and Animal Inspection of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China for up to date information on requirements for any import documentation.

3. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

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, the Welsh Government 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) Centre for International Trade 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.

4. ORIGIN OF THE MEAT/MEAT PREPARATIONS

Macao requires that meat and meat products of bovine origin exported from the United Kingdom are of **UK origin only**, i.e. the animals were slaughtered, and the meat cut and, where applicable, processed entirely in the UK.

5. FITNESS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Paragraphs 9.4 to 9.6 may be certified on the basis 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.

All EU approved establishments are approved for export to Macao.

6. TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES (TSEs)

Paragraphs 9.7 to 9.10 may be certified on the basis that these are requirements of the TSE legislation (Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as transposed into national legislation), and the UK competent authorities (Defra and the Devolved Administrations and the Food Standards Agency) ensure compliance with the legislation.

7. RESIDUES AND OTHER UNAUTHORISED SUBSTANCES

Paragraph 9.11 may be certified on the basis of the microbiological monitoring required by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 and on basis of the results of the national surveillance scheme for residues, which cover all EU approved meat establishments. The national surveillance scheme implements Council Directives 96/22/EC, 96/23/EC and Regulation (EC) 854/2004, which are transposed into national legislation by The Animals and Animal Products (Examinations for Residues and Maximum Limits) Regulations 1997.

8. ORIGIN OF ANIMALS FROM WHICH THE EXPORTED MEAT IS DERIVED

Paragraph 9.12 refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis of the certifying OV's knowledge of the operational conditions as regards the UK farms of origin of the animals from which the exported meat is derived.

The certifying OV may wish to obtain written confirmation that the animals in question meet the requirements of this paragraph.

9. OFFICIAL DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph 9.12 may be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC issued by the AHVLA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle (or issuing office of DARD in Northern Ireland).

10. 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 Centre for International Trade at Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/imports-exports/international-trade/>

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