

EXPORT OF FRESH MEAT OF SHEEP, GOAT, PIG OR HORSE TO ANTIGUA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector, appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government, Department For Rural Affairs, Department of Agriculture And Rural Development Northern Ireland who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes. LVIs should fix the LVI stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

1. Paragraph I c) - Antigua will only accept fresh meat of non-bovine origin slaughtered on or after 1st October 2002. This can be certified on the basis of familiarity with procurement arrangements or the examination of producer records; or of statements from the producers' veterinary surgeon/s or the slaughterhouse OVS.
2. Paragraph IV a) to g) this may be certified, in the case of meat of British origin, on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004, and Transitional Arrangements under which stocks produced in accordance with Council Directive 64/433, as implemented in GB by the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 can be traded until 31/12/2009. In the case of meat of EU origin, the oval mark should be supported by commercial documentation from the producing establishment. In the case of meat of non-EU origin, the health marks should be supported by copies of veterinary certification from the country of origin and by a CVED from the border inspection post at which the consignment entered the EU.
3. Paragraph IV (e) & (h) can be certified provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office, within 10 days of shipment.
4. A copy of the certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Officer on the day of issue.

5. **Disclaimer**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. 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 Division via the appropriate address in the link given below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>