

**EXPORT OF FRESH MEAT, MEAT PREPARATIONS AND MEAT PRODUCTS OF NON-BOVINE ORIGIN TO THE PHILIPPINES - 4835EHC**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR EXPORTERS AND OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 4835EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 4835EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

**1. SCOPE OF CERTIFICATE**

This certificate may be used for fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products derived from pigs, sheep, goats and poultry.

**2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle, or to DAERA, within seven days of issue.

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

**3. IMPORT PERMIT**

The certifying Official Veterinarian must verify the import permit number on the certificate against a copy of the import permit obtained from the authorities in the Philippines.

**4. DISEASE CLEARANCES**

Paragraphs IV(a) and IV(b) and, in the case of animals originating from the United Kingdom, paragraph IV(c) (i), can be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so on 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment.

- Major epizootic (former OIE list A) diseases to which sheep are susceptible: Foot and mouth disease, bluetongue, sheep pox, peste des petits ruminants, Rift Valley fever.
- Major epizootic (former OIE list A) diseases to which pigs are susceptible: Foot and mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, classical swine fever.
- Major epizootic (former OIE list A) diseases to which poultry are susceptible: Highly pathogenic avian influenza, Newcastle disease.

**5. PRESENCE OF THE OVAL MARK**

**Meat originating from EU Member States approved to export to the Philippines**

EU Member States currently approved to export to the Philippines are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom.

In the case of meat / meat products originating from the above EU Member States, paragraphs IV(c) - (e) may be certified on the basis of presence of the EU oval mark.

EU Member State(s) of origin of the fresh meat / product (including the UK) must be entered in paragraph IV(c) (ii). The certifying Official Veterinarian must ensure that no fresh meat / meat preparation / product has originated from any Member State not included on the list of EU Member States approved to export to the Philippines.

**Meat originating from the UK**

In the case of fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products originating from premises in the UK, paragraphs IV(c) (ii), IV(c) (iii), IV(d), IV(e) and IV(h) can be certified on the basis of premises operation in accordance with the EU legislation laying down hygiene rules for food of animal origin and its official controls.

**6. RESIDUES MONITORING**

Paragraph IV(f) refers. Council Directive 96/23/EC (on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products) is implemented in the UK by the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1997.

This paragraph may be signed on the basis of implementation of the Directive in other EU Member States and on the basis of the National Surveillance Scheme for residues currently in place in the UK.

**7. RADIATION MONITORING**

Paragraph IV (g) refers. The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in Food and the Environment - which summarises the results of monitoring. The results of these monitoring supports the conclusion set out in the paragraph.

**8. LABELLING OF PRODUCT**

The Philippine authorities require that consignments should be labelled with the following information;

- brand name
- active ingredients
- quantity (in metric units)
- origin
- handling instructions
- product classification
- name and address of the manufacturer and exporter
- date slaughtered/manufactured
- production lot number
- the words FOR EXPORT TO THE PHILIPPINES

The certifying Official Veterinarian should draw these requirements to the attention of the exporter.

**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 APHA Centre for International Trade in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team:  
e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk  
Phone - 0289 0520989