

**EXPORT OF ALPACAS TO THE STATE OF QATAR**

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

**1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6981EHC may be used for the export of alpacas to the State of Qatar.

**2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department, National Assembly For Wales or Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with LVI stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager on the day of issue.

**3. IMPORT PERMIT**

The exporter must obtain an Import Permit from the appropriate authorities in Qatar.

**4. ISOLATION**

Paragraph IV (b) refers. The requirements of this paragraph may be fulfilled if the OV approves the isolation facilities at the start of the 30 day period and before signing the certificate seeks a declaration from the owner/exporter that the animals have been isolated from ungulates not similarly certified for 30 days prior to export. Guidelines for the isolation facilities are as follows:

- (a) The isolation accommodation must comprise of an airspace separate from any airspace in which any other livestock are present, and be as remote as practicable from any other livestock accommodation.
- (b) The interior of the isolation building must be capable of being thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, and must be cleansed and disinfected using an approved disinfectant immediately before the animal(s) to be exported are placed therein.
- (c) No drainage or effluent produced by/derived from other livestock may pass through the isolation accommodation.
- (d) Any person who requires to enter the isolation accommodation must first put on overalls and boots reserved exclusively for use in the isolation accommodation.

- (e) A footbath containing an approved disinfectant, diluted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, must be located at the entrance. Any person entering must first wash and disinfect his/her boots using the footbath.
- (f) OVs should check that the isolation requirement is being met at visits to carry out the testing and final examination of the animals.

**5. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

The certification contained in paragraph IV (g) may be signed on behalf of the Department provided you are in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to you by the local Divisional Veterinary Manager 10 days before shipment.

**6. BRUCELLOSIS TESTING**

Paragraph IV (c) refers. Anti-complementary activity is commonly found in the sera of Camellids. OVs and exporters are advised that the enzyme linked immunosorbent assay is the preferable of the three options at paragraph IV (e).

**7. SAMPLES**

Samples should always be submitted to the relevant laboratory in good time to allow reports to be received in advance of the export date. If in doubt as to the length of time a test is likely to take, official veterinarians should seek the advice of the relevant laboratory.

**8. CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

Paragraph IV (f) refers. Within 24 hours of export, the animals must be examined found to be healthy, free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease, free of external parasites, and fit to travel.

**9. OWNER/EXPORTER'S DECLARATION**

Paragraph IV (i) refers. This paragraph may be certified provided a written declaration has been obtained from the owner/exporter. OVs should retain a copy of this declaration for record purposes.

**10. C.I.T.E.S**

This certificate does not provide exemption from other legislation laid down for the protection or conservation of certain wild species, e.g. the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S.). Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (D.E.T.R.) at the address given below:

Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service  
D. E. T. R., Temple Quay House,  
2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6EB  
Tel: 0117 372 8168/ Fax: 0117 372 8206.

11. **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 International Animal Health Division via the appropriate address in the link given below.

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

12. **WELFARE**

Exporters are advised that animals must be transported in accordance with Council Directive 91/628/EEC. Vehicles and transport arrangements which conform to the requirements of the Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997 meet the standards set out in Council Directive 91/628/EEC. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Division at any of the offices listed below:

**ENGLAND**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR  
Tel: 020 7238 5865 /Fax: 020 7238 6009;

**SCOTLAND**

Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs  
Department, Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan,  
Edinburgh EH14 1TW.  
Tel: 0131 556 8400 ext 6181/ Fax: 0131 244 6616;

**WALES**

National Assembly for Wales,  
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.

