

**EXPORT OF MEAT / MEAT PRODUCTS OF BOVINE ORIGIN TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO -
7274EHC**

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT NOTE

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7274EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7274EHC.

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

Export health certificate 7274EHC may be used for the export of chilled or frozen meat of bovine origin and meat products derived from such meat to Trinidad and Tobago.

The bovine animals from which the consignment is derived must have been born in the United Kingdom on or after 1 August 2001, reared in the United Kingdom and slaughtered in the United Kingdom.

2. 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.

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, 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.

4. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE (FORM 618NDC)**

Paragraph 9.1 refers: OVs may certify this paragraph 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, or issuing office of DARD in Northern Ireland.

5. **DATE OF BIRTH OF THE ANIMALS FROM WHICH THE MEAT / MEAT PRODUCTS ARE DERIVED**

Paragraph 9.3 refers: Official Veterinarians must carry out suitable checks to ensure that the requirements of this paragraph have been met.

6. **TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES (TSEs)**

Paragraphs 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6 and 9.7 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) and that the UK competent authorities (Defra, the Devolved Administrations and the Food Standards Agency) ensure compliance with the legislation.

7. **COMPLIANCE WITH EU HYGIENE REGULATIONS AND FITNESS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

Paragraphs 9.8 and 9.9 refer: these paragraphs 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.

8. **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>

