

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF GOATS FOR BREEDING FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ANGUILLA - 3699EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 3699EHC and 618NDC

1. IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3699EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3699EHC. 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.

2. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 3699EHC may be used for the export of goats for breeding to Anguilla.

3. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an OV 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 and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes and who holds the requisite OCQ (V) qualifications. 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 CIT Carlisle or DARD - within seven days of issue.

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

4. LABORATORY TESTS

IV.(b) refers

Samples must be sent for testing to the laboratories of the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA). The majority of pre-export tests are carried out at the APHA Laboratory, New Haw, Weybridge, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB, Tel:01932 357335).

Some tests are carried out at the regional VLA laboratories. For operational reasons however, the laboratories involved may change periodically. Accordingly, OV's should check with the VLA to establish to which laboratories samples should be sent for testing. Samples should always be received in advance of the export date. If in doubt as to the procedures for collection, the requirement for transport medium if any, dispatch of samples and the length of time a test is likely to take, OV's should seek the advice of the relevant laboratory.

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5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV.(c) may be signed on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle, or DARD on form 618NDC.

6. **WELFARE**

Exporters are advised that animals must be transported in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005. Further information can be found at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/welfare/default.htm> .

Regulation 1/2005 is implemented by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales. The legislation states that no animal shall be transported unless it is fit for the intended journey and unless suitable provisions have been made for its care during the journey and on arrival at the place of destination. Guidance on 'fitness to travel' can be found at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/welfare/farmed/transport/pdf/fitness2a.pdf>. Animals that are ill or injured shall not be considered fit for transport, but certain exceptions apply, for example, in respect of:

- (i) animals that are slightly injured or ill whose transport would not cause unnecessary suffering;
- (ii) animals that are transported for scientific research purposes approved by the competent authority;

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

7. **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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre (SSC) - the Centre for International Trade in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

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