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**EXPORT TO TURKEY OF FRESH MEAT, MEAT PREPARATIONS AND MEAT PRODUCTS, OF
NON-BOVINE ORIGIN - 6169EHC**

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 6169EHC and 618NDC.

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6169EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6169EHC. 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 THE CERTIFICATE

As far as red meat is concerned, this certificate - 6169EHC - can be used for the export of pig meat/preparations/products ONLY. All material of animal origin used in pig meat preparations or products e.g. natural sausage casings must be porcine.

The import of sheep/goat meat/preparations/products from the UK/EU is currently prohibited by Turkey.

The import of beef is however allowed, and certificate 7217EHC can be used for this purpose.

*The import of poultry-based products is also allowed, using certificate XXXXEHC.

NOTE: *TEMPORARILY, TURKEY WILL ALLOW POULTRYMEAT AND PREPARATIONS TO BE IMPORTED ON THIS CERTIFICATE - 6169EHC. HOWEVER, ONCE THE STANDALONE CERTIFICATE FOR POULTRYMEAT AND POULTRY PREPARATIONS BECOMES AVAILABLE, THIS CERTIFICATE WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTABLE FOR ANY COMMODITIES OTHER THAN PIGMEAT PREPARATIONS AND PRODUCTS.*

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector 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 an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. 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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - International Trade in Carlisle, within seven days of issue.

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

3. **PARAGRAPH IV. REFERS:**

- Clause a) can be certified on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004. EU origin meat is eligible for export to Turkey, provided the other requirements in the certificate can be complied with, but please note species restrictions in paragraph 1 above.
In the case of meat (legally) imported from a third country, exporters are advised to first check with the Turkish Authorities whether such meat (EU-compliant but of third country origin) is allowed to be imported into Turkey.
- Clause b) can be certified on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian, provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment.

4. **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 - International Trade, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>