

EXPORT OF BREEDING PIGS TO VIETNAM - 3330EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

1. IMPORT PERMIT

British exporters and Vietnamese importers will need to obtain an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the Department of Animal Health (DAH) for the export / import of breeding pigs from the UK to Vietnam. Contacts details for further guidance are as follows:

Department of Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
2 Ngoc Ha St, Hanoi
Tel: +(84-4) 7341228
Fax: +(84-4) 8433637
Website: www.mard.gov.vn
Contact person: Mr Hoang Kim Giao, Deputy Director

Department of Animal Health
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Phuong Mai, Dong Da, Hanoi
Tel: +(84-4) 8696788 / 8687151
Fax: +(84-4) 8691311 / 8686339
Email: dah.vn@fpt.vn
Website: www.mard.gov.vn/dah
Contact person: Mr Pham Van Dong, Chief of Animal Inspection & Quarantine Section
email: dongdah@yahoo.com

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Any Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or the National Assembly for Wales may sign the export health certificate as an Official Veterinarian.

For Northern Ireland, any Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed to the appropriate export panel by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland may sign the certificate as an Official Veterinarian.

LVIs / AVIs should affix the "Official Veterinarian" stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

3. OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION

Paragraph I refers. All pigs must be identified in accordance with The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 1995 (as amended), with an ear tag or tattoo bearing the letters "UK" and the official herd mark of the holding on which the mark is applied (which need not necessarily be the premises from which the pigs are being exported if pigs were marked on a previous holding). The mark should also include an individual animal number which in the case of an eartag should be prefixed by the letter "P".

Official Veterinarians must be satisfied that each animal is individually identified in accordance with the schedule to the health certificate. This may be done by reading the identification marks personally, or by having the ear numbers read by someone in the employment of the veterinary practice and under the direction of the certifying veterinarian, or by the Official Veterinarian or an employee of the veterinary practice supervising the marking of the animals to be exported. The terms "direction" and "supervision" are defined in the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct.

4. **SCHEDULES**

Paragraph I refers. A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph I and paragraph I must be annotated "See Attached Schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or in paragraph I should be deleted with diagonal lines.

5. **OFFICIAL DISEASE CLEARANCES**

The Official Veterinarian may certify paragraphs IV(a) - IV(c) and, in the case of pigs exported from Great Britain, paragraph IV(i)(i) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the local Divisional Veterinary Manager on Form 618NDC.

6. **PREMISES FREEDOM FROM OTHER DISEASES**

Paragraphs IV(d) and IV(e) refer. Official Veterinarians should take into account their personal knowledge of the disease status of the premises of origin, if necessary with the support of an owners declaration confirming freedom from certain diseases. Certifying Official Veterinarians should also carry out appropriate checks of the farm records including use of medicines, fertility and birth records to verify freedom from the named diseases.

With regard to paragraph IV(d), 'case' means a confirmed diagnosis of any of the diseases named in this paragraph.

7. **SUBMISSION OF TESTS TO GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES**

In Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) Laboratory, Weybridge (Tel: 01932 375335). Some tests are carried out at VLA Lasswade Unit (Tel: 0131 445 6169). Certain specialist tests are performed at Regional VLA laboratories.

In Northern Ireland, the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Sciences Division, Stormont, Belfast (Tel: 028 9052 0011)

For operational reasons the laboratories involved may change periodically. If in doubt, VLA or VSD should be contacted to establish to which laboratory samples should be sent for testing and to obtain advice on procedures for collection and dispatch of samples for testing. Samples should be submitted in good time to allow reports to be received in advance of the export date.

In the case of pre-export testing of large numbers of animals making up an export consignment, laboratories should be given the maximum period of notice possible for receipt of samples.

8. TESTING FOR ATROPHIC RHINITIS

Paragraph IV(g) refers - the Official Veterinarian should submit samples to VLA Bury St Edmunds for testing for toxigenic strains of *Pasteurella multocida* and identify samples as being for export purposes.

In order to give a valid result, take samples from pigs **which have not received antibiotic treatment.** Take a deep nasal swab avoiding gross contamination at the nasal opening. Wire shafted swabs (e.g. Medical Wire Equipment Co.: MW172c) are preferred.

Amies Charcoal medium is recommended as a transport medium, although saline is acceptable. Submit samples to arrive at the laboratory within 24 hours of sampling, avoiding weekends, holidays etc. Maintain swabs at a low temperature (4°C), e.g. send on ice in a leak-proof container.

The address to send the samples is as follows:

VLA Bury St Edmunds, Rougham Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 2RX, Telephone: 01284 724499, Fax: 01284 724500.

9. TRANSPORT TO DESTINATION

Paragraph IV(m) refers. The certifying Official Veterinarian must obtain the written declaration as described. The name of the disinfectant and the dilution used must also be entered in this paragraph.

The design of the containers, the recommended species requirements, and preparation for transport must be in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE International Animal Health Code and International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations.

For further information on OIE recommendations, exporters and Official Veterinarians should contact the International Animal Health Division on 020 7904 6343. For further information on IATA Regulations, exporters and Official Veterinarians should contact the DVM or Animal Welfare Division at the address stated below.

10. COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATE AND RETURN OF COPY TO THE DVM

The Official Veterinarian must sign and stamp the health certificate in an ink of any colour other than black. A copy of this certificate must be sent to the Local Divisional Veterinary Manager within 7 days of signing.

11. WELFARE

Exporters are reminded that they must comply with the UK Welfare Laws relating to the export of livestock. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Department at any of the following offices:-

ENGLAND

Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Animal Welfare Section
1A Page Street, London. SW1P 4PQ
Tel: 020 7904 6973 / Fax: 020 7904 6961

SCOTLAND

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

WALES

National Assembly for Wales
Animal Welfare Section
Cathays Park, Cardiff. CF1 3NQ
Tel: 01222 823593 / Fax 01222 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

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
1A Page Street
London
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