

EXPORT TO BELIZE OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, MEAT (INCLUDING POULTRY), MEAT PRODUCTS, MINCED MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS FOR CONSUMPTION BY THE ARMED FORCES - 7034EHC

Associated Documents: 7034NFG, 618NDC and 372DMR

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7034EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7034EHC. 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

Export health certificate 7034EHC may be used for the export of milk and milk products, meat (including poultry), meat products, minced meat and meat preparations for consumption by the armed forces from the United Kingdom to Belize.

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), The Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government, Department for Rural Affairs, 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. LVIs should affix the LVI stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager within 7 days of issue. The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. a) Paragraph IV.1. may be certified, in the case of meat of British origin, on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004, and Transitional Arrangements under which stocks produced in accordance with Council Directive 64/433, as implemented in GB by the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 can be traded until 31/12/2010. In the case of meat of EU origin, the oval mark should be supported by commercial documentation from the producing establishment. In the case of meat of non- EU origin, the oval marks should be supported by copies of veterinary certification from the country of origin and by a CVED from the border inspection post at which the consignment entered the EU;

4. Paragraph IV 2. and 3. can be certified on the basis of the TSE Regulations.

5. Paragraph IV 4. can be certified on the basis of the following:

The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in food and the Environment - which summarises the results of monitoring. The results of these monitoring supports the conclusion set out in the paragraph.

6. Paragraph IV 5 can be certified on behalf of the Department by a Local Veterinary Inspector provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment. If necessary, the date of slaughter of the animals and/or date of collection of the milk will have to be provided by the exporter to enable such an authority to be provided.

7. **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 Animal Health via the appropriate address in the link given below.

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

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