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**EXPORT TO GIBRALTAR OF FRESH MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS, INCLUDING FRESH
POULTRY MEAT AND POULTRY MEAT PREPARATIONS**

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 1869EHC and 372DMR

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1869EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1869EHC. 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 **1869EHC** may be used for the export of *fresh meat and meat preparations*, including of poultry origin, from the United Kingdom to Gibraltar.

Meat **products**, including of poultry origin, **do not** require an export health certificate, even if the meat used to manufacture the product is imported into the UK from another EU Member State or a Third Country.

Fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products, including of poultry origin, which are directly destined to the consumer in Gibraltar and not for re-sale require no export health certification.

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, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or National Assembly For Wales who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV 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. At II (b), details should reflect the establishment responsible for the final packaging of the products being certified for export.

General guidance only:

For meat preparations, this would normally be the processing plant at which the oval mark appearing on the packaging is/was applied, or it would be the cutting plant for fresh meat.

4. Paragraph IV can be certified 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 Directives 64/433/EEC, 71/118/EEC, 77/99/EEC, and 94/65/EEC as applicable can be traded until 31/12/2009.

5. **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 the International Animal Health Division via the appropriate address in the link given below.

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