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EXPORT OF SHEEP AND GOATS TO THE ISLE OF MAN

HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV's) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1139EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1139EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

Associated Documents: 1139EHC and 1139SUP

1. Scope

Export health certificate 1139EHC and supplementary declaration 1139SUP should be used to **accompany** sheep and goats exported to the Isle of Man from holdings (not markets or sales) in Great Britain.

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian 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 the AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports within seven days of issue. The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. Introduction

This certificate may **not** be used for the export of sheep and goats **under** 9 months old **unless** they originate from a SAC Consulting: Veterinary Services at Inverness, (part of the Premium Sheep & Goat Health Scheme (PSGHS) maedi/visna (MV)/ caprine arthritis encephalitis (CAE) accredited flock/herd.

For the export of sheep and goats under 9 months old from non-accredited flocks herds, certificate 3486EHC (Agreed 10/09/2009) should be used.

Official Veterinarians should receive a written declaration from the owner/exporter stating that the animals are over 9 months age, as required at paragraph V(b) (ii) (b) or paragraph V(b) (iii) (d). Official Veterinarians should check the validity of the declaration on the basis of available farm records and the physical characteristics of the animal, including dentition. If the Official Veterinarian has any reason to doubt its validity, the DVM should be consulted.

4. Identification - Paragraph II of certificate 1139EHC refers

Identification must comply with the requirements of the Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (England) Order 2009 ('SAGRIMO') or the equivalent SAGRIMO Orders in Wales and Scotland.

Sheep and goats, born or identified after 11th January 2008 and intended for export must be double identified by two ear tags or two means of identification, both bearing the same unique identification number consisting of "UK" followed by the flock/herd number and the individual animal ID number, for example UK 123456 00001, where 123456 is the flock/herd number of the holding. The number must be visible.

For those born or identified after 31st December 2009 one of these identifiers must be either:

- an EID ear tag (yellow), or
- and EID ruminal bolus (in which case the accompanying conventional ear tag must be black).

Animals which have had their tags replaced with a double set of red replacement identifiers (both having the same individual numbers) can be exported as long as they are fully traceable back to their natal flock (or herd) of origin.

In the case of animals born or identified on or before 11 January 2008, Isle of Man will accept these animals from GB (and the Channel Islands) if they are single tagged.

However, if intended for export via a sale, etc., animals must have the two identical UK identifiers (as mentioned above, not necessarily the holding of birth tags) applied before they leave the holding from which they are moved to the sale etc.

Ear tag manufacturers:

Details of suppliers of approved UK identifiers for sheep and goats and their products can be accessed via the RPA website links below:

- [Approved UK Official EID ear tags](#)
- [Approved UK official EID boluses](#)
- [Approved UK Conventional ear tags](#)

5. Record-Keeping

Exporters and assembly centre operators are obliged under SAGRIMO Order or the equivalent SAGRIMOS in Wales and Scotland to record the full identification number of the ear tag.

6. Export of Rams of Certain Breeds

As an alternative to 1139EHC, rams of certain breeds can be exported from Great Britain to the Isle of Man using certificate 1137EHC. Exporters are advised to check the terms of their Import Permit from the Isle of Man.

7. Maedi Visna/Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Accredited Flocks/Herds

Paragraph III and V (b) (i) refer

Sheep and goats from flocks which have maedi visna(MV)/ caprine arthritis encephalitis(CAE) Accredited status under the SAC Consulting: Veterinary Services at Inverness, (part of the Premium Sheep & Goat Health Scheme (PSGHS)) may be exported from their premises of origin, which must be specified at paragraph III (b).

8. With respect to all animals certified as MV/CAE Accredited, the Official Veterinarian must see a **current** certificate of status. Certificates of status must be a veterinary certificate of status issued by SAC Inverness.

9. **In the case of sheep and goats from SAC Consulting: Veterinary Services at Inverness, (part of the Premium Sheep & Goat Health Scheme (PSGHS))** **flocks/herds:** Before signing the export health certificate, the Official Veterinarian must obtain written confirmation from SAC Inverness that the status of the flock/herd is current. Faxed or email confirmation is acceptable.

For SAC Consulting: Veterinary Services at Inverness, (part of the Premium Sheep & Goat Health Scheme (PSGHS)) **flocks/herds:** details of name, address including post code and if known, Scheme registration number and the Official Veterinarian's fax and telephone number should be sent, preferably by fax or email to:

SAC Consulting: Veterinary Services, Drummondhill, Stratherrick Road, Inverness, IV2 4JZ Tel: 01463 226 995/Fax: 01463 711103

The Official Veterinarian should send the above details to SAC Inverness as soon as an application is made for export of sheep or goats to the Isle of Man. SAC Inverness will send confirmation of current status by fax to the Official Veterinarian. **Official Veterinarians and exporters should note that checks on status can only be carried out during normal office hours.**

10. **Pre-Export Isolation - Non-Accredited Flocks/Herds**

Paragraphs V (b) (ii) and V (b) (iii) refer

Sheep and goats from **non-accredited flocks/herds** must be held in isolation on the premises of origin/or other suitable premises. The premises are to be approved by the Official Veterinarian. The following conditions must be met before approval can be given under options V (b) (ii) OR V (b) (iii):

- i) The isolation accommodation must comprise an airspace from any airspace in which any other livestock are present and be as remote as practicable from any other livestock accommodation.
- ii) The interior of any isolation building must be capable of being thoroughly cleansed and disinfected using an approved disinfectant immediately before the animals to be exported are placed therein.
- iii) No drainage or effluent produced by/ or derived from other livestock may pass through the isolation accommodation.
- iv) Any person who requires entry into the isolation accommodation, must first put on overalls and boots reserved exclusively for use in the isolation accommodation.
- v) A footbath containing an approved disinfectant, diluted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, must be located at the entrance. Any person entering must first wash and disinfect his/her boots using the footbath.

Field isolation may be acceptable. In the case of field isolation, the field must have been free of livestock for at least 30 days and there must be no livestock in the adjacent fields within a distance of at least 3 metres. There must be no risk of drainage or effluent from fields or buildings containing other livestock. Paragraphs iv and v above also apply.

11. **Non-Accredited Flocks/Herds - Post-Import Isolation in the Isle of Man**

If sheep or goats are being exported to The Isle of Man under option b (iii) then the Official Veterinarian must see a copy of the notice of approval, issued by the veterinary authorities of the Isle of Man in Douglas, confirming that the post-import isolation on the Isle of Man has been approved. The isolation premises in the Isle of Man must be that named at paragraph IV (b).

12. Supplementary Declaration 1139SUP

Part I of the Supplementary Declaration should be completed and signed by the owner or agent of the owner of the animals to be exported. Part II should be completed and signed by the Official Veterinarian. The Official Veterinarian should ensure that the owner or agent of the owner has read and understood the following guidance before signing Part I.

The import conditions of the Isle of Man require that sheep for export from Great Britain for breeding and production must comply with the same movement rules as those currently in place for the movement of sheep between holdings in Great Britain, namely:

- (a) **Residency** - The animals for export must have been resident on the holding of origin for at least 20 days prior to export or since birth;
- (b) **Standstill** - No foot and mouth disease susceptible livestock may have moved on to the holding of origin during the previous 20 days in the case of pigs or, in the case of ruminants, the previous 6 days (England & Wales) or previous 13 days (Scotland), except for certain specified movements which are permitted without triggering a standstill.
- (c) **Transport** - Transport vehicles must be cleansed and disinfected. A certificate issued prior to loading the animals for transport to The Isle of Man to say that the vehicle is approved to transport livestock is only required if the holding/area of origin is under Animal Health restrictions, and then only if specified in the licence issued under the Order.

Before signing Part II of 1139SUP, the Official Veterinarian should check the validity of the owner's/agent's declaration by reference to the farm movement records and where appropriate the vehicle cleansing and disinfection certificate.

13. Laboratory Tests

Samples must be sent for testing to the laboratories of the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA). The majority of pre-export tests are carried out at the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratory Agency (AHVLA New Haw, Weybridge, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB, Tel:01932 357335). Some tests are carried out at the regional AHVLA laboratories. For operational reasons however, the laboratories involved may change periodically. Accordingly, OV's should check with the issuing AHVLA office - usually the Specialist Service Centre for Exports in Carlisle, 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.

14. Traces Messages

After certifying the consignment, the Official Veterinarian must ensure that a copy of the signed EHC is delivered or faxed to the issuing AHVLAO on the same day on which it is signed, to enable the production of a TRACES message. If the consignment date/time of departure has changed significantly, or a different vehicle is used, the exporter must notify the issuing AHVLA office.

15. Disclaimer

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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle via the link below:

[http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/imports-exports/international-trade/<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm>](http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/imports-exports/international-trade/http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm)

16. Welfare

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the UK welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Further information on OIE and IATA transport recommendations may be obtained from the following offices;

England, Scotland & Wales Welfare in Transport Team at the AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle, via the link below:
<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB
DARD Helpline number 0300 200 7852
DARD Helpline email dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk
DARD Textphone 028 9052 4420