

EXPORT OF SHEEP AND GOATS UNDER NINE MONTHS 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 (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3468EHC. 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: 3486EHC, 3486SUP

1. **SCOPE**

Export health certificate 3486EHC and supplementary declaration 3486SUP should be used to accompany sheep and goats under 9 months exported to the Isle of Man (IoM) from holdings (not markets or sales) in Great Britain.

**NOTE:** This certificate may not be used for the export of sheep and goats over 9 months old.

For the export of sheep and goats over 9 months old, certificate 1139EHC should be used.

Official Veterinarians should receive a written declaration from the owner/exporter stating that the animals are under 9 months of age, as required at paragraph V (b) - 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 Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) - Centre for International Trade (CIT) in Carlisle should be consulted.

2. **Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

An Official Veterinarian(OV) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government may sign the export health certificate as an Official Veterinarian.

OVs should affix the "Official Veterinarian" stamp to the certificate in the normal manner in any ink colour **Other than Black**.

A certified copy of the signed EHC must be faxed, emailed or couriered to CIT, Carlisle on the day of issue.

3. **Identification - Paragraph II of certificate 3486EHC 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 one of these identifiers must be either:

- an EID ear tag (yellow), or
- an 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](#)

**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.

4. **Import Permit**

Exporters are advised to check, IF APPLICABLE, the terms of their Import Permit obtained from the Isle of Man.

5. **Maedi Visna/Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Accredited Flocks/Herds**

Paragraph V (c) (i) (a) refers.

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

6. 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 veterinary certificate of status issued by SAC St Boswells.

7. Before signing the export health certificate, the Official Veterinarian must obtain written confirmation from SAC that the status of the flock/herd is current. Faxed confirmation is acceptable.

8. For **SAC St Boswells Scheme flocks/herds**: details of name, address, including post code, and if known, Scheme registration number, as well as the Official Veterinarian's fax and telephone number should be sent, preferably by fax, to:

SAC Consulting: Veterinary Services, Health Schemes, Greycrook, St Boswells,  
Melrose, TD6 0EQ  
Tel: 01835 822456 | Fax: 01835 823643

The Official Veterinarian should send the above details to SAC St Boswells as soon as an application is made for export of sheep or goats to the Isle of Man. SAC St Boswells 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.**

9. **Non-Accredited Flocks/Herds: Pre-Export Isolation**

*Pre-export isolation and testing:*

Paragraphs V(c) (ii) (a) and (b) refer.

The **dams** of the lambs or kids intended for export must be tested by ELISA and/or AGIDT test for maedi visna/CAEV.

Lambs or kids intended for export from **non-accredited flocks/herds** must be held in isolation, **together with their dams**, on the premises of origin/or other suitable premises. The period of isolation has not been specified, but a minimum of 10 days is advisable. The date of commencement of isolation must be stated on the certificate. The premises are to be approved by the Official Veterinarian. The following conditions must be met before approval can be given under options V(c) (ii) (a) and (b):

- 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.

#### 10. **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 V(c) (ii), 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).

#### 11. **Supplementary Declaration 3486SUP**

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 must comply with the following requirements:

- (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 3486SUP, 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.

#### 12. **Traces Messages**

After certifying the consignment, the Official Veterinarian must ensure that a copy of the signed EHC is delivered, emailed or faxed to the issuing APHA office 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 APHA office

#### 13. **Laboratory Tests**

Samples must be sent for testing to the laboratories of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). The majority of pre-export tests are carried out at the APHA Weybridge laboratory (New Haw, Weybridge, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB, Tel:01932 357335). Some tests are carried out at the regional APHA laboratories. For operational reasons however, the laboratories involved may change periodically. Accordingly, OVs should check with the APHA 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, OVs should seek the advice of the relevant laboratory.

#### 14. **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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>

#### 15. **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 APHA Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

##### Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

DAERA Helpline email [daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk)

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