

**EXPORT TO MACAO OF MEAT PRODUCTS OF BIUNGULATE ORIGIN (EXCLUDING BEEF PRODUCTS) - 7676EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7676EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7676EHC.

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.

**1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 7676EHC may be used for the export of meat products of biungulate origin (excluding beef products) from the United Kingdom to Macao.

**The meat products must have been derived from animals which were slaughtered on or after 19 February 2014, as agreed by the United Kingdom (UK) authorities and the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region.**

**2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

This certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or a Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government or by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland (DARD), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate export panel for export purposes.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) Centre for International Trade at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DARD, Dundonald House, Belfast.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

**3. ORIGIN OF THE MEAT PRODUCTS**

Macao requires that meat products exported from the United Kingdom are of **UK origin only**, i.e. the animals were slaughtered, and the meat cut and processed entirely in the UK.

**4. HEALTH INFORMATION**

Paragraphs IV 1, 2 and 3 can be certified on the basis of the EU oval mark and evidence that the slaughterhouse, cutting plant, meat products plant (if applicable) and cold store are officially approved and operating in accordance with Regulations (EC) Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004, as transposed into national legislation.

5. Paragraph IV 4 may be certified on the basis of the results of the national surveillance scheme for residues, which EU approved meat establishments are subjected to. The national surveillance scheme implements Council Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC and the HACCP requirements in Regulation (EC) 854/2004 also places an obligation on all EU approved meat establishments to ensure compliance with these Directives. These Directives are transposed into national legislation by The Animals and Animal Products (Examinations for Residues and Maximum Limits) Regulations 1997.

6. **PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR RETAIL SALE**

The Macao authorities require that if the products are to be distributed to retail outlets in Macao, they need to be pre-packaged and labelled showing the name and address of the slaughtering plant and the date of slaughter of the food animal concerned.

7. **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 AHVLA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/imports-exports/international-trade/>

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