

EXPORT OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM OVINE ANIMALS TO BAHRAIN - 7024EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING 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 1512EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7024EHC. 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.

Associated Documents: 7024EHC, 7024NFG and 372DMR.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 7024EHC may be used for the export of meat and meat products derived from ovine animals from Great Britain to Bahrain.

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 seven days for his/her own record keeping purposes.

3. HEALTH INFORMATION

- a) Paragraph IV a) and b) may be certified on the basis of the EU oval marks, and commercial documents from EU countries, or export health certificates in the case of third countries, demonstrating that the meat from which the products were derived originated from animals found fit for human consumption.
- b) Paragraph IV c) may be certified on the basis that all member states of the EU are required to operate a monitoring programme for residues in meat in accordance with Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC. The UK national testing plan covers all approved slaughterhouses in Great Britain and implements the Animals & Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1997, which implement European Council Regulations 2377/90/EEC and 426/98/EEC, and Council Directives 96/22/EEC and 96/23/EEC in Great Britain.
On the basis of this testing plan, it can be considered that the meat does not contain levels exceeding the limits permitted in the European Community by Regulation 2377/90 of any veterinary medicinal product,

antiparasitic agent, or heavy metal contaminant nor any beta-agonist or any substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestogenic action, which do not occur naturally in the meat.

4. 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 Service Delivery Unit (IAHSDU) via the appropriate address in the link given below.

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