

IMPORTANT

Exporters and Official Veterinarians (OVs) are advised that the conditions for export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China (PRC) are complex and demanding. Clearances for certain non-notifiable diseases such as PRRS on premises of origin are not straightforward and special procedures have been introduced to facilitate these declarations.

Well in advance of exports taking place, exporters and certifying OVs must become familiar with these notes for guidance and all associated documents. In the event of any questions, they are advised to contact the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) by email at product.exports@apha.gsi.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301 or DAERA in Northern Ireland at VS.Implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or by phone at 028 90520931.

In an attempt to simplify the procedures, these notes 7006NFG have been split into five separate parts as follows:

- 7006NFG - Part 1: Introduction and General Principles (read first)
- 7006NFG - Part 2: Farm Assurances
- 7006NFG - Part 3: Slaughterhouses and cutting plants
- 7006NFG - Part 4: Standalone cutting plants
- 7006NFG - Part 5: Final certification at exporting cold stores (this document)
- 7006NFG - Flow diagram of export chain

Associated Documents

- The Protocol for veterinary and health requirements for export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China (included in 7006NFG - Part 1);
- 7006ANNA - PAS quarterly veterinary food chain information (FCI) and health declaration for herds of origin;
- 7006ANNB - Owner/manager FCI declaration to slaughterhouse operator;
- 7006ANNC - Owner manager support declaration for veterinarians completing 7006ANNA;
- 1734IMC - Internal movement certificate;
- 7006EXA - Guidance on completion of the interactive pre-certificate (application for export/EHC to CSC Carlisle or DAERA).

These five parts and all other associated documents may be downloaded from the website of the United Kingdom Export Certification Partnership (UKECP) via the following link: www.ukecp.com/export-health-certificates . The documents can be found using the search parameters 'China', 'meat' and 'porcine'.

Alternatively, these can be obtained from APHA CSC or DAERA upon request.

7006NFG - PART 5: FINAL CERTIFICATION AT EXPORTING COLD STORES

1. INTRODUCTION

These notes are intended for exporters and certifying OVs in a PRC-approved cold store from where the consignment will be dispatched to its final destination in the PRC. They should be read in conjunction with 7006NFG Part 1: Introduction and General Principles; and the 7006EXA: Guidance document on completion of the interactive pre-certificate (application for export/EHC to CSC Carlisle or DAERA).

Certifying OVs in cutting plants are required to provide support documentation in the form of an Internal Movement Certificate (IMC), confirming that the consignment of meat meets PRC requirements in full. This support document enables the OV in the premises of despatch to sign final export health certificate 7006EHC.

2. ADVANCE PROVISION OF SPECIMEN COPIES OF OV SIGNATURES AND STAMPS

The PRC requires that all OVs carrying out export certification must first provide specimen copies of their signatures and stamps to China before exports take place. Signatures must be linked to the cold store of despatch. Specimen copies of stamps and signatures of alternative OVs should also be provided to allow for absences such as sickness and holidays.

OVs should submit these details on the form at **Annex 1** to these notes. The form should be scanned and sent by e-mail to the APHA CSC Carlisle for plants in GB and to DAERA for plants in NI for onward transmission to the PRC.

Exporters are advised that several weeks should be allowed for this process to be completed. Consignments may be at risk if exports commence before the authorities in the PRC have received the specimen signatures and stamps.

3. SCOPE OF EXPORTS TO THE PRC

Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG.

4. USE OF INTERNAL MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES (IMCs) FOR MOVEMENTS BETWEEN PREMISES OF PRC EXPORT ELIGIBLE MEAT:

The OV at the supplying cutting plant must complete a copy of an Internal Movement Certificate (IMC) for downstream movement of each consignment of meat intended for export to the PRC (form **7006IMC** or similar document). The OV at the cutting plant must give each IMC a unique reference number which should consist of the plant approval number followed by the date of slaughter and a sequential number eg: 3567/24.06.11/03.

The paper copy of the 7006IMC can be handwritten - information does not have to be typed but the details must be clearly legible and unambiguous.

The OV at the cold store must retain all copies of IMCs received from supplying premises for a period of at least one year after the date of export.

5. **APPROVAL OF MEAT PLANTS AND COLD STORES TO EXPORT TO THE PRC**

All slaughterhouses, cutting premises, manufacturing premises and cold stores intending to export eligible pork and pig meat products to PRC require specific inspection and approval prior to export taking place.

Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG for full details on procedures for premises approvals.

6. **NOTES ON COMPLETION OF 7006EHC**

Certifying OVs at export cold stores must note that unauthorised deletions or manuscript amendments to 7006EHC are not permitted. The only permitted handwritten entry is the signature of the OV. The date of certification must be entered using an inked rubber stamp. **The OV signature and the date stamp must be made ink of any colour other than black.**

Any authorised deletions that cannot be entered electronically must be made using a ruler and a fine black pen. Diagonal deletions must not be used - each line to be deleted must be ruled out providing an effect similar to that of typewritten 'strikethrough' deletions.

OVs and exporters should note that they have the final responsibility to ensure that the details on the completed certificates are correct. Due to the complexity of the conditions, it is recommended that such checks should be carried out sufficiently in advance of the date of export to enable any changes that may be required. The PRC authorities will expect that the details of the establishments entered onto the certificate are correct and consistent.

7. **OFFICIAL VETERINARY DECLARATION - CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL**

Part V of 7006EHC refers. Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG for a description of The Protocol and the relevant Articles. For the purposes of certification of exports of pig meat, Articles 4 - 10 refer.

Articles 1 and 2 and Articles 11 - 16 may be certified by the OV on the basis of information already supplied to AQSIQ by the UK competent authorities, together with operating and administrative procedures described in these Articles as agreed between Defra and AQSIQ.

Article 3 - Official Disease Clearances

Article 3 of The Protocol may be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) at Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

Articles 4(a), 4(b) and 4(c) - UK origin of the animals and premises of origin freedom from specified diseases

The above conditions may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse/cutting plant confirming that the consignment complies with the import conditions of the PRC.

Article 5 - approval of premises exporting to the PRC

All establishments in the export supply chain must hold prior approval to export to the PRC. This may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse/cutting plant.

Article 6 - compliance with EU Hygiene Regulations / fitness for human consumption

Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of Article 6 may 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 by Local Authorities and operating in accordance with Regulations (EC) Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004 and, in the case of microbiological criteria, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2073/2005.

With regard to residue levels, paragraph (c) of Article 6 may be certified on the basis of the results of the national surveillance scheme for residues, to which all EU approved meat establishments are subjected. In the UK, the national surveillance scheme implements Council Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC. The HACCP requirements in Regulation (EC) 852/2004 (Article 5) also places an obligation on all EU approved meat establishments to ensure compliance with these Directives.

The above Directives are transposed into national legislation by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015 and parallel legislation in the devolved administrations of Wales and Northern Ireland.

For the purposes of this certificate OVs should note that residue limits as stipulated by the UK competent authorities and AOSIQ are regarded as equivalent.

Article 7 - segregation of slaughter for non-eligible animals and provision of a dedicated area for storage

The requirement for segregation pre- and post-slaughter and during preliminary processing may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse/cutting plants confirming that the consignment complies with the import conditions of the PRC.

All PRC export-eligible meat must be processed, wrapped and packaged separately from other meat not eligible for export to the PRC.

In order to ensure PRC's requirements for traceability and segregation, meat eligible for export to PRC must be clearly identified throughout the entire export chain.

The certifying OV at the exporting cold store must be fully familiar with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for segregation/separation. These written procedures must explain how this requirement is achieved and maintained in the cold store from the intake of meat to despatch.

Articles 8 and 9 - wrapping, packaging and storage of exported goods

Please refer to the relevant Articles of the Protocol for a description of labelling, packaging and storage details.

8. ELECTRONIC PRE-CERTIFICATION

The Official Veterinarians (OV) providing final certification for consignments to PRC are required to submit a weekly notifications of the certificates signed the previous week. Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG (Section 7) for full details.

9. DISCLAIMER

These notes are provided on the basis of information available at the time. It is the exporter's responsibility to check the information against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country.

For further advice exporters should contact the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) Carlisle at product.exports@apha.gsi.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301 or DAERA in Northern Ireland at VS.Implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or by phone at 028 90520931.

List of United Kingdom Official Veterinarians authorised to provide export health certification for the export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China 已获授权签发输华猪肉出口卫生证书的英国官方兽医名单	
Name and Address of Plant including registration number (please type) 企业名称和地址，包括注册号 (请打字)	
Official Veterinarian Name (please type) 官方兽医姓名 (请打字)	
Signature 签字	
OV Stamp 官方兽医印章	