

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF PIG MEAT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA - 7006EHC

7006EXA - GUIDANCE ON COMPLETION OF THE INTERACTIVE PRE-CERTIFICATE

1. INTRODUCTION

These notes have been prepared to ensure consistency in the description of the various parameters laid down in certificate 7006EHC and in other operational matters. Some of the entries on the pre-certificate will have already been pre-populated by the issuing authority (APHA or DAERA). These are also referred to in the following guidance and should be thoroughly checked prior to submission of the completed pre-certificate.

Certifying OVs are reminded that unauthorised deletions or manuscript amendments to the final printed version of 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, date stamp and OV 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.

2. COMPLETING THE PRE-CERTIFICATE

Part I - Information of the issuing unit

- I (a):** Exporting country prepopulated with 'United Kingdom';
- I (b):** Competent Authority prepopulated with 'Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs';
- I (c):** Issuing Organisation prepopulated with 'Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)' or 'Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)';
- I (d):** Administrative Areas prepopulated with 'Great Britain' or 'Northern Ireland'.

Part II - Information of Production

The PRC authorities will expect that the details of the establishments entered onto the certificate are both correct, consistent and in accordance with their own records of approved establishments.

Part III - Identification of the Product

- III (a):** for animal species enter 'Porcine';
- III (b):** country of origin prepopulated with 'United Kingdom';
- III (c):** the name of the product should correspond exactly with the name of the product printed on the label.
Up to four different product names may be certified on the same certificate.

III (d): This section is aimed at helping Chinese officials during physical checks at import. Where the name of the product to be entered in section III (c) of the certificate as it appears in the label is enough to identify the type of product involved then it is acceptable that the information to be entered at this section matches that for the name of product, e.g. *Frozen Pork Whole Head*.

However, when the commercial name of the product that appears on the label does not help in ascertaining that the product being imported with the certificate is that in the consignment, then a suitable description must be entered in this section under "type" of product, e.g. Frozen Pork Moon Bones could be described as Frozen Pork Scapular Bones.

In any case, the descriptions to be used for the various types of pig meat and pig meat cuts exported to the PRC should be described in a manner that it is easily identifiable to the Chinese official carrying out physical checks upon arrival e.g. to contain descriptors as follows/applicable:

Condition (fresh/chilled/frozen/salted/smoked/marinated)

Bone-in or deboned/ Pork/Anatomical area
(head/shoulder/leg/belly/rib/ear etc.)

Cut (steak/loin/tenderloin/rib/spare rib/etc.)

III (e): enter the type and number of packages for each category of product indicated in III(c);

III (f): enter the gross and net weights for each category of product indicated in III(c);

III (g): enter the range of slaughter dates (earliest to latest) as taken from the 7006IMCs for each category of product (not per abattoir) indicated in III(c);

III (h): enter the range of cutting dates (earliest to latest) as taken from the 7006IMCs for each category of product (not per cutting plant) indicated in III(c);

III (i): the processing date is the date on which the product was wrapped and packaged for export. For meat cuts the processing date will frequently be the same as the cutting date. Enter the range of processing dates (earliest to latest) as taken from the 7006IMCs for each category of product indicated in III(c);

III (j): enter the range of shelf life according to the labelling for each category of product indicated in III(c);

III (k): enter the range of batch codes/lot numbers (first to last) for each category of product indicated in III(c);

III (l): the approval number of the cutting plant or slaughterhouse in the form UK/1234/EC may be used as the shipping mark for each category of product exported;

III (m): storage temperature should only be written in the following format as **-18 degrees Celsius** (or other temperature as appropriate).

Part IV - Information of Transportation

IV (a): For the purposes of this certificate, the date of despatch is the expected sailing date of the vessel (i.e. the date of despatch from the UK). OVs must complete the final export health certificate prior to the expected sailing date.

NB: the date on which the certificate is signed (the date of issue) must be prior to the date of despatch. **UNDER NO**

CIRCUMSTANCES should the export health certificate be completed after the vessel has left the UK port.

- IV(b)**: the place of loading is the port of departure from which the consignment leaves the UK;
- IV(c)**: final destination country should be pre-populated as 'People's Republic of China';
- IV(d)**: the place of destination should correspond with the Port of Entry in China as indicated in the Import Permit;
- IV(e)**: In the majority of cases the means of transport should be entered as 'Refrigerated Container by Sea'. The name of the ship need not be entered in this section.

Part V - Official Veterinarian Declaration

Place and Date of Issue are the Place and Date of Signature of the export health certificate.