

**EXPORT OF SHEEP AND GOATS FOR BREEDING AND PRODUCTION TO NORTHERN IRELAND  
FOLLOWING IMPORTATION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND ATTENDANCE AT A SHOW  
IN GREAT BRITAIN**

**Notes for Guidance of OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS, Exporters, Show/Sale  
organisers and owners of approved premises**

Associated Documents 5362EHC, 5362NFG

**Important**

Exporters and certifying OVs must ensure that a specific Import Licence has been issued by DAERA for the consignment in question. The Import Licence requires official certification (which this certificate is intended to cover) as well as supplementary assurances, which have to be certified by a veterinarian in a private capacity. The specific Import Licence, this official certificate and the privately issued supplementary certificate must accompany the consignment to Northern Ireland. To obtain the specific Import Licence, the importer or DAERA (Tel 02890 52 0807/ 905 20989 or Fax 02890 525 472) should be contacted".

**IDENTIFICATION - Paragraph II refers**

1. Sheep and goats will need to be identified in accordance with EC Directive 92/102, as implemented by the Republic of Ireland. The health certificate issued by the Department for Agriculture and Food for the Republic of Ireland will contain details of the identification marks.
2. Paragraph V (b) refers, Sheep and goats imported from the Republic of Ireland directly to an approved show or sale may be re-exported to Northern Ireland if accompanied by export health certificate 5362EHC enclosing a copy of the health certificate which was issued by the Department for Agriculture and Food for the Republic of Ireland and which accompanied the animals on their importation into Great Britain. The owner or exporter should provide a written declaration that the animals were moved directly from their premises of origin to the show/sale/ approved premises where they remained since their arrival. If the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN has any reason to doubt the validity of the declaration, the DVM should be consulted.

**APPROVAL OF SHOWS FOR MAEDI-VISNA/CAPRINE ARTHRITIS ENCEPHALITIS-**

3. Paragraphs III(b) and V(c) refer, Shows may be granted approval for holding sheep and goats of Maedi-Visna/Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Accredited status by the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC). Before signing the certificate, the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN must see the approval document issued by SAC (Sheep and Goat Health Schemes, PO Box 604, Milton Keynes MK6 1ZZ, Tel: 01908 844312, Fax: 01908 609825)
4. This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation.

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

After certifying the consignment, the Official Veterinarian must ensure that a copy of the signed EHC is emailed (preferable option) or faxed to the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) Carlisle on the day of signing, to enable the production of a TRACES message (as a replacement for the ANIMO message).

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

5. 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 about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Customer Service Centre in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

6. **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>