

## NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE 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 5413ehc. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5413ehc. 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.

## SCOPE OF CERTIFICATE

1. Health certificate 5413EHC is intended to accompany consignments of pigmeat products to Brunei from the United Kingdom.

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 (Defra), Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD), National Assembly For Wales Agricultural Department (NAWAD) or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) or Divisional Veterinary Officer in NI (DVO-NI) within seven days of issue. OVs should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. Paragraph IV a), b) and c) can be certified, in on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004, and Transitional Arrangements under which stocks produced in accordance with Council Directive 77/99/EC, as implemented in GB by the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1994, or equivalent in the UK.
4. Paragraph IV d): All member states of the EU are required to operate a monitoring programme for residues in meat, in accordance with Council Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC. The UK national testing plan covers all licensed slaughterhouses in Great Britain and, 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 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. Any pigmeat imported into the UK must meet the requirements of Article 20 of Council Directive 72/462/EEC and hence satisfy this criterion.

5. Paragraph IV (e) may be signed on behalf of the Department by the Official Veterinarian provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the DVM of the local Animal Health Divisional Office within 10 days of shipment. Or equivalent in Northern Ireland.

**6. DISCLAIMER**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR/EC618 in NI) 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 Division at the address given below.

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