

EXPORT OF PIGMEAT/ PIG MEAT PRODUCTS TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

PLEASE NOTE: These notes for guidance (NFGs) are not intended to operate as a standalone document, but must be read in conjunction with export health certificate 7027EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the appropriate veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 7027EHC may be used for the export of fresh pigmeat/ pig meat products from the United Kingdom to the Republic of Congo.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

Any Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Government - Rural Affairs or the Welsh Assembly Government, Department for Rural Affairs may sign the export health certificate as an Official Veterinarian.

In Northern Ireland any FSA approved Veterinarian may sign the export health certificate.

The 'Official Veterinarian' stamp should be affixed to the certificate in the normal manner.

3. **CONTAINER NUMBER**

Paragraph I(e) refers: it is important that the container number in which the consignment is placed is noted fully and the seal applied. If the consignment comprises lots from different establishments which have been collected together before export, the respective weights of each part of the final consignment must be recorded.

4. **FORMAT OF APPROVAL NUMBERS**

Paragraphs II(a) to (c) refer: veterinary approval numbers for slaughterhouse and manufacturing plant, and approval number for cold stores must be entered in the format UK Licence No EC (eg: UK 1234 EC).

5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraphs IV a), b) and c) can be signed on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment.

6. **COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS (EC) 852, 853 & 854/2004**

Paragraph IV(d) can be signed on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided the meat is marked with an oval approval mark or the packaging for the meat or meat products are marked with the EC approval number of the plant involved. The presence of such a mark indicates that the meat/meat products comply with Regulations (EC) 852, 853 & 854/2004.

7. **COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATE AND RETURN OF COPY TO ANIMAL HEALTH**

The Official Veterinarian must sign and stamp the health certificate in an ink of any colour other than black. A copy of this certificate must be sent to Animal Health Central Operations for Export at Carlisle within 7 days of signing or in the case of Northern Ireland to Food Policy Branch at Dundonald House Belfast.

8. **DISCLAIMER**

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 via the appropriate address in the link given below.

<http://www.animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

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