

**EXPORT OF CHILLED/FROZEN MEAT OF BOVINE ORIGIN AND BOVINE PRODUCTS TO  
NORTHERN CYPRUS 6822EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6822EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6822EHC. 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.

Associated Documents 6822EHC and 618NDC.

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6822EHC may be used for the export of beef, beef preparations and beef products derived from bovine animals born/reared in the UK on or after 1/8/96 from the United Kingdom to Northern Cyprus.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

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, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Northern Ireland (DAERA).

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland, to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

3. **H123 COMPLIANCE**

Paragraphs 9.2, 9.3 or 9.4 may be signed on the basis of the EU oval mark, which indicates compliance with the EU food hygiene legislation.

However, exporters must ensure that the establishment(s) are listed on the FSA website beforehand:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/sectorrules/meatplantsprems/meatpremlicence>  
(for meat) or

<https://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/approved-premises-official-controls/sectorrules>  
(for products).

4. **BSE REQUIREMENTS**

Paragraphs 9.5 (ante mortem inspection for clinical signs of BSE), 9.6 (SRM removal; the EU list is more extensive than that in OIE), 9.7, 9.8, and 9.9 can be signed on the basis of compliance with the UK TSE Regulations 2006.

5. It is an offence under Regulation 5 and Schedule 7 of the TSE (No 2) Regulations 2006 to dispatch, or offer to dispatch, to other member states or to third countries the following:

- meat or products derived from bovine animals born or reared in the United Kingdom after 31st July 1996 and slaughtered before 15th June 2005; or
- vertebral column from bovine animals born or reared in the United Kingdom after 31st July 1996 and slaughtered on or before 2nd May 2006 and products derived from such vertebral column

6. **MICROBIOLOGICAL AND RESIDUE SURVEILLANCE**

Paragraph 9.10 can be signed on the basis of:

- a) the food hygiene legislation, which cover microbiological monitoring in accordance with EU Regulation 2073/2005.
- b) the Animals/Animal Product (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulation 1997. All member states of the EU are required to operate a monitoring programme for residues in meat in accordance with Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC. The UK national testing plan covers all licensed slaughterhouses in Great Britain and implements the animals and animal products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1997, which implement European Council Regulations 2377/90/EEC and 426/98/EEC, and Council Directives 96/22/EEC and 96/23/EEC in Great Britain. 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 by Regulation 2377/90 of any veterinary medicinal product, antiparasitic agent, or heavy metal contaminant nor any beta-agonist or any substances having a thyrostatic, estrogenic, androgenic or gestogenic action, which do not occur naturally in the meat.

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph 9.11 can be certified 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.

8. **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>