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EXPORT OF PIGMEAT/PIGMEAT PRODUCTS TO GRENADA - 1777EHC.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE LOCAL VETERINARY INSPECTOR

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or the National Assembly for Wales who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

Provided that the consignment is identified by batch codes, serial numbers or shipping marks for example then it is not necessary for the OV to be present at the time of loading into the means of transport. The certificate must fully describe the consignments such that substitution with product which has not been inspected is not possible.

1. Paragraph I e) (i) and (ii) - The certifying veterinarian must insert both the container number and seal number.
2. Paragraph IV a) and b) may be certified, in the case of meat of British origin, 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 64/433, as implemented in GB by the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 can be traded until 31/12/2009. In the case of meat of EU origin, the oval mark should be supported by commercial documentation from the producing establishment. In the case of meat of non- EU origin, the health marks should be supported by copies of veterinary certification from the country of origin and by a CVED from the border inspection post at which the consignment entered the EU.
3. Paragraph IV c) may be certified on the basis that the meat/meat products are processed in an establishment approved for intra-Community trade. Such products should bear an oval health mark with the approval number of the establishment.
4. Paragraph IV d) can be certified on the basis of health marks which demonstrate that the products were prepared in an establishment approved for export to the EU and were fit for human consumption.
5. Paragraph IV e) & f) can be signed on behalf of the Department by a Local Veterinary Inspector provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment.
6. Paragraph IV g). The first part of this statement may be certified by the OVS at the slaughterhouse on the basis of examination of company records of the origin of the pigs. Where possible this may be cross-referenced to Animal Transport Certificates which hauliers are required to keep under The Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997 (Article 14). At other establishments the OVS must obtain support documents provided by the OVS responsible for the previous premises in the production chain, in addition to examination of company records. Support documents must be retained with your copy of the completed certificate.

A suggested format of support documentation from a slaughterhouse is as follows:

"With respect to the consignment of pigmeat described above/below, I have checked records of the holdings of origin of the pigs from which the meat was derived and am satisfied that the pigs from which the meat was derived were sent for slaughter from holdings in the county/counties of"

The second part of this statement can be signed on behalf of the Department by a Local Veterinary Inspector provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment.

Support documents should be on headed paper and contain a full description of the products including batch numbers, production dates, etc., as applicable.

In the case of products of non UK origin this paragraph may be certified on the basis of supporting documents issued by the relevant authorities of the country of origin confirming freedom from the diseases listed, 12 months prior to slaughter.

7. A copy of this certificate must be sent to the Divisional Veterinary Manager at the local Animal Health Divisional Office on the day of issue.

8. **Disclaimer**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) 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 via the appropriate address in the link given below.

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