

EXPORT OF SHEEP AND GOATS FOR BREEDING/PRODUCTION/FATTENING FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO NORTHERN IRELAND

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS, EXPORTERS AND SHOW/SALE ORGANISERS

Associated Documents:894EHC.

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 894EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document, but in conjunction with certificate 894EHC. 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 certificate 894EHC 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.

1. Scope of the certificate

Export health certificate 894EHC may be used for the export of sheep and goats for breeding/production/fattening from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

2. Identification

Paragraph II of the certificate refers.

Identification must comply with the requirements of the Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (England) Order 2009 ('SAGRIMO') or the equivalent Sagrimo Orders in Wales and Scotland.

Sheep and goats, born or identified after 11th January 2008 and intended for export must be double identified by two ear tags or two means of identification, both bearing the same unique identification number consisting of "UK" followed by the flock/herd number and the individual animal ID number, for example UK 123456 00001, where 123456 is the flock/herd number of the holding. The number must be visible.

For those born or identified after 31st December 2009 one of these identifiers must be either:

- an EID ear tag (yellow), or
- and EID ruminal bolus (in which case the accompanying conventional ear tag must be black)

It is essential that the OV checks each animal's official identification and ensures that it is accurately recorded on the certificate. They must include the "0" preceding the flock number, where present, normally on sheep born or identified after 31st December 2009

Animals which have had their tags replaced with a double set of red replacement identifiers (both having the same individual numbers) can be exported as long as they are fully traceable back to their natal flock (or herd) of origin.

In the case of animals born or identified on or before 11 January 2008, DARD will accept these animals from GB (and the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) if they are single tagged.

However, if intended for export via a sale, etc., animals must have the two identical UK identifiers (as mentioned above, not necessarily the holding of birth tags) applied before they leave the holding from which they are moved to the sale etc.

Ear tag manufacturers

Details of suppliers of approved UK identifiers for sheep and goats and their products can be accessed via the RPA website links below:

- [Approved UK Official EID ear tags](#)
- [Approved UK official EID boluses](#)
- [Approved UK Conventional ear tags](#)

Maedi Visna/Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Accredited Flocks/Herds Paragraph III and V (b) (i) refer

3. Sheep and goats from flocks which have maedi visna (MV)/ caprine arthritis encephalitis (CAE) Accredited status under the SAC Consulting: Premium Sheep & Goat Health Scheme (part of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)) may be exported from their premises of origin, which must be specified at paragraph III (b), or from other premises approved under the rules of the Scheme, including approved shows, sales and assembly centres which must be specified at paragraph III (c) if appropriate.
4. With respect to all animals certified as MV/CAE Accredited, the Official Veterinarian must see a **current certificate** of status and in the case of shows, sales or approved assembly centres the letter of approval of the premises by SAC.

Verification of the Accredited Status of Maedi-Visna/CAE Scheme Flock/Herds and Assembly Centres

5. The official certifying veterinarian must see a written confirmation obtained from the SAC Consulting: Premium Sheep & Goat Health Scheme (part of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)) Tel: 01835 822456 | Fax: 01835 823643 that the status of the flock/herd is current.
6. The official certifying veterinarian must ensure that the show, sale or assembly centre is approved to handle accredited sheep and goats from SAC St Boswells. To do this the Veterinarian, exporter, or the premises operator on their behalf, should send the following details by fax to SAC St Boswells as soon as an application is made for export of sheep or goats to the Republic of Ireland, and before the animals are moved on to the premises:
 - the name of the show, sale or assembly centre from which the animals are to be exported;
 - the official veterinarian's or show, sale or assembly centre operator's fax, telephone numbers or email address

The fax or email address should then be sent to SAC Consulting: Veterinary Services, Health Schemes, Greycrook, St Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0EQ
Tel: 01835 822456 | Fax: 01835 823643

7. SAC St Boswells will arrange appropriate checks with a view to approving the show, sale or assembly centre to handle accredited stock. If the centre is approved, SAC St Boswells will send confirmation of status by fax or email to the official veterinarian.
8. As for direct exports, the official veterinarian will also need to see written confirmation from SAC St Boswells of the accredited status of all flocks from which animals are moved to the show, sale or assembly centre for export.
9. Official veterinarians, show, sale or assembly centre operators and exporters should be aware that checks on status can only be carried out during normal office hours.

10. **Flock/Herd Health and Testing For Maedi-Visna/CAE - Non-Accredited Flocks/Herds - Paragraph V (b) (ii) (b) &(c) Refers**

The flock or herd must not have presented any clinical or serological evidence of Maedi/Visna/CAE during the 3 years prior to export. The certifying OV should use his/her knowledge of the flock/herd and also secure an owners declaration to that effect.

The number of adult sheep/goats to be tested should be determined by reference to the chart below. The sample should be representative of all age groups over 12 months of age.

<u>Flock/Herd size</u>	<u>No. of sheep/goats to be sampled</u>	<u>Flock/Herd size</u>	<u>No. of sheep/goats to be sampled</u>
10	10	500	129
20	20	600	132
30	30	700	134
40	40	800	136
50	48	900	137
60	55	1000	138
70	62	1200	140
80	68	1400	141
90	73	1600	142
100	78	1800	143
120	86	2000	143
140	92	3000	145
160	97	4000	146
180	101	5000	147
200	105	6000	147
250	112	7000	147
300	120	8000	147
350	121	9000	148
400	125	>10000	148
450	127		

11. **Pre-Export Isolation - Non-Accredited Flocks/Herds - Paragraphs V (b) (ii) (d) and V (b) (ii) (e) refers**

Sheep and goats from **non-accredited** flocks/herds must be held in isolation on the premises of origin/or other suitable premises for a period of at least 30 days and from the start of the isolation period **NO** animals can be removed from that isolation until all the animals for export have left the premises. The premises are to be approved by the Official Veterinarian.

Exporters are reminded that before the Official Veterinarian can approve premises the following conditions must be met:

- i) The isolation accommodation must comprise of an airspace separate from any airspace in which other livestock are present, and be as remote as practicable from any other livestock.
- ii) The interior of the isolation building must be capable of being thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, and must be cleansed and disinfected using an approved disinfectant immediately before the animal(s) to be exported are placed therein.
- iii) No drainage or effluent produced by/derived from other livestock may pass through the isolation accommodation.

- iv) Any person who requires entry to the isolation accommodation, must first put on overalls and boots reserved exclusively for use in the isolation accommodation.
- v) A footbath containing an approved disinfectant, diluted in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions, must be located at the entrance. Any person entering must first wash and disinfect his/her boots using the footbath.

Field isolation may be acceptable. In the case of field isolation, the field must have been free of livestock for at least 30 days and there must be no livestock in the adjacent fields within a distance of at least 3 metres. There must be no risk of drainage or effluent from fields or buildings containing other livestock. Paragraphs iv and v above also apply.

However if any animal was required to be removed from the isolation accommodation for other reasons then they also have been subjected to the test at paragraph 12 below with negative results;

12. Paragraph V (b) (ii) (e) refers. This requires ALL animals in the isolation (and any that have had to have been removed in an emergency) to be tested within 30 days of the date of export. Official Veterinarians and exporters should note that this paragraph, requires that all animals in the isolation group must be tested for MV/CAE and that ALL test results must be negative. If kids or lambs born in isolation, the exporter may seek written agreement from the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland for these animals to be excluded from testing. This agreement, if granted, should be forwarded to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, so that the Official Veterinarian can be given authority to amend the health certificate.

13. **Traces Messages**

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

In the case of an export not proceeding, the EHC must be immediately returned to the APHA CIT Carlisle.

If the consignment date/time of departure has changed significantly, or a different vehicle is used, the exporter must notify the APHA CIT Carlisle.

14. **Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

15. **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 APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle via the link below:

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

16. Welfare

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 on OIE and IATA transport recommendations may be obtained from the following offices;

England, Scotland & Wales Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB

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