

**EXPORT OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM OVINE ANIMALS TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - 1512EHC**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING 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 1512EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1512EHC. 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:** 1512EHC and 1512NFG.

**1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 1512EHC may be used for the export of meat and meat products derived from ovine animals from the United Kingdom to the United Arab Emirates.

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

This certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department, National Assembly For Wales or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian(OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Health Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DARD, Dundonald House, Belfast.

**3. HEALTH INFORMATION**

a) Paragraph IV a) and b) may be certified on the basis of the EU oval marks, and commercial documents from EU countries, or export health certificates in the case of third countries, demonstrating that the meat from which the products were derived originated from animals found fit for human consumption.

b) Paragraph IV c) may be certified on the basis that 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 approved slaughterhouses in the United Kingdom and implements the Animals & 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 the United Kingdom.

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, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestogenic action, which do not occur naturally in the meat.

**4. 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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - International Trade at Carlisle via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/imports-exports/international-trade/>

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