

**EXPORT OF BREEDING SHEEP AND GOATS TO BERMUDA - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF EXPORTERS AND OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS**  
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**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6987EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6987EHC.

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

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1. **SCOPE**

6987EHC can only be used for the export of breeding sheep and goats only from the United Kingdom to Bermuda.

2. **IMPORT PERMIT**

Exporters are advised to contact the veterinary authorities of Bermuda prior to export for the latest information on requirements for any import documentation. An application for permission to import must be filed with the Bermuda Department of Environmental Protection before the animals can be exported. Please see their website [www.animals.gov.bm](http://www.animals.gov.bm) .

The import permit and original export health certificate 6987EHC must accompany the animals to Bermuda.

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

This certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or a Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government Rural Directorate, the Welsh Assembly Government Department for Rural Affairs or by the Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland, who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate export panel for export purposes.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to Animal Health Central Operations for Export at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DARD, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

4. **IDENTIFICATION FOR EXPORT**

Paragraph I. refers.

Regardless of their age, sheep and goats for export (both Intra-Community and Third Country Trade) must be identified by two eartags both bearing the same unique identification number consisting of "UK" followed by the **flock/herd number** of the natal holding and the **individual animal ID number**, for example *UK 123456 0001*, where 123456 is the flock/herd number of the holding on which the animal was born.

The use of X tags is no longer permitted. Sheep and goats identified

by means of a red 'R' replacement tag must not be certified by Official Veterinarians as they are not eligible for intra-Community trade or for export to third countries (via EU member states).

Tattoos are **not** an acceptable form of identification for export purposes.

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#### ***Detailed Information***

For full details on identification requirements, please consult the following documents:

Rules for identifying sheep and goats / Guidance for keepers in England:

[http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/goats/documents/keepers\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/goats/documents/keepers_guidance.pdf)

- The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification & Movement) (England) Order 2007

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/eid/stat-instruments.pdf>

- Also, a list of ear tag manufacturers can be obtained at:  
[http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/cattle/eartag\\_makers.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/cattle/eartag_makers.htm)

#### 6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE (FORM 618NDC)**

Paragraphs IV 1. and IV 2. refer: OVs may certify paragraphs IV 1. and IV 2. on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the local Animal Health Divisional Office (or equivalent in Northern Ireland).

#### 7. **SCRAPIE REQUIREMENTS**

Paragraph IV 9.(ii) and (iii) may be certified if scrapie has not been recorded on any of the holding(s) that the sheep/goats have been resident on since they were born, during the previous 7 years, and the animals are not related as stated to an animal that has been confirmed to have had scrapie. This may be ascertained by providing AH with details of the movement history of the animals since birth, and also details of their parents, progeny and siblings, to enable the relevant checks to be carried out.

#### 8. **PREMISES FREEDOM FROM OTHER DISEASES**

Paragraph IV 3. refers. Official Veterinarians should take into account their personal knowledge of the disease status of the premises of origin, if necessary with the support of an owner's declaration confirming freedom from certain diseases.

Certifying Official Veterinarians should also carry out appropriate checks of the farm records including use of medicines, fertility and birth records to verify freedom from the named diseases.

#### 9. **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 Central Operations for Exports in Carlisle via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm>

10. **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 and Wales and N. Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British 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. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained via the links below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/welfare/index.htm>

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/welfare/transport/euguidance/index.htm>

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/welfare/transport/index.htm>

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