

EXPORT OF MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS OF BOVINE ORIGIN TO BARBADOS 6878EHC

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 6878EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6878EHC. 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.

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6878EHC 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 01/08/2001** from the United Kingdom to Barbados.

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. **IMPORT PERMIT**

No consignment will be allowed entry unless an import permit has first been obtained from the Government of Barbados.

4. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

**Paragraph 9.1** 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.

5. **BSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Paragraph 9.2:** At time of writing, the UK is regarded as having a controlled BSE risk in accordance with Chapter 11.4. of the Terrestrial Code. The current status can be found on the following website:

<http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/bse/list-of-bse-risk-status/>

**Paragraph 9.3:** The feed ban was effectively applied in the UK since 1 August 1996, but because this ban did not come into force in the rest of the EU until 2001, Barbados is concerned that some contaminated feed/feed ingredients could have been moved into the UK from the rest of the EU and UK animals exposed to this contamination. Therefore, only meat from animals born on or after 1 August 2001 will be accepted and the OV must ensure that only such meat is certified.

**Paragraph 9.5:** This can be certified on the basis of the **EU/UK** food hygiene legislation which requires an ante-mortem inspection of the animals.

**Paragraph 9.6:** This can be signed on the basis of the **EU/UK** food hygiene and TSE legislation.

**Paragraph 9.7:** This can be signed on the basis of the **EU/UK** TSE legislation; the EU list is more extensive than the list in OIE Code Chapter on BSE.

6. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE UK/EU FOOD HYGIENE LEGISLATION**

**Paragraphs 9.8 and 9.9** refer. These may be signed on the basis of the EU oval mark, which indicates compliance with the EU/UK food hygiene legislation. All food establishment approved by the FSA under the food hygiene legislation are deemed to be approved for export to Barbados.

However, exporters must ensure that the establishment(s) is/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).

7. **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>