

**EXPORT OF PIGS FOR BREEDING RETURNING TO NORTHERN IRELAND FOLLOWING ATTENDANCE AT A SHOW/SALE/OTHER PREMISES IN GREAT BRITAIN - 6666EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

**SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6666EHC may be used for the export of pigs for breeding returning to Northern Ireland following attendance at a show/sale/other premises in Great Britain.

Associated Documents 6666EHC, 6666NFG

**1. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

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.

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

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

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

**2. OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION**

Paragraph II refers. All pigs must be identified in accordance with The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 2003. Animals intended for export from the United Kingdom must be marked with an identification mark, which can be either an ear tag or a tattoo. The identification mark must include the letters 'UK', followed by the Defra herd mark and a unique identification number allotted to the pig by the keeper (e.g. UK AB1234 0001).

Official Veterinarians must be satisfied that each animal is individually identified in accordance with the schedule to the health certificate. This may be done by reading the identification marks personally, or by having the ear numbers read by someone in the employment of the veterinary practice and under the direction of the certifying veterinarian, or by the Official Veterinarian or an employee of the veterinary practice supervising the marking of the animals to be exported. The terms "direction" and "supervision" are defined in the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct.

**3. SCHEDULES**

Paragraph II refers. A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph I and this paragraph must be annotated "See Attached Schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and

certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or in paragraph I should be deleted with diagonal lines.

4. **WRITTEN DECLARATIONS**

Paragraphs V(b) and V(c) refer. The certifying Official Veterinarian must obtain the written declarations from the person in charge of the animals and from the person in charge of transporting the animals to the place of embarkation stating that the conditions described in these paragraphs have been met.

5. **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>

6. **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 about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Customer Service Centre in Carlisle, via the link below:

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