

IMPORTANT NOTE

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued together with export certificate 8084EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8084EHC.

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 OF CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 8084EHC may be used for export from the United Kingdom to Taiwan of meat derived solely from pigs that were born and raised and slaughtered in the UK.

**IMPORTANT:** The Taiwanese authorities have confirmed that **only pig meat slaughtered/processed on or after 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018**, the date of UK accreditation for export to Taiwan, is eligible for export.

For the purposes of this certificate, 'meat' refers to products, including carcasses, meat and internal organs derived from domestic pigs and the products manufactured by using the aforementioned carcasses, meat and internal organs.

Please refer to Paragraph 8 of these notes for further details on labelling requirements for export to Taiwan. Exporters should particularly note that **certain product information must be clearly marked in the traditional Chinese language** on the labels on the outer packaging of goods for export.

2. IMPORT PERMIT

Prior to making arrangements to export meat derived from pigs to Taiwan, exporters are advised to contact the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) or their representatives in the United Kingdom for up to date information on requirements for any import permits or other documentation.

3. 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, or an Official Veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland (DAERA).

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

In GB, a certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle within seven days of signing.

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

**4. APPROVAL OF PREMISES FOR EXPORT TO TAIWAN - DESIGNATED ESTABLISHMENTS**

Paragraphs IV(e) and IV(f) refer. All UK slaughterhouses, cutting plants, processing plants and cold stores must have received prior approval from the Taiwanese authorities before any exports can take place.

Such approval does not involve a bespoke inspection, however all establishments in the supply chain for the meat/product (slaughterhouse, cutting plant, meat products plant (if applicable) and cold store) must be operating in accordance with UK food hygiene legislation i.e. they are, as a minimum, officially approved by the UK and are listed for export to Taiwan and the meat/product bears the oval mark.

Exports from the establishment may commence only after TFDA has confirmed that it appears on the list of so-called designated establishments. The link below lists the UK establishments as currently approved to export to Taiwan:

<https://www.fda.gov.tw/tc/includes/GetFile.ashx?mID=133&id=77801>

It is the responsibility of the exporter and the OV to ensure prior to export that **all** establishments included in Section II of the certificate are listed as designated establishments.

Further advice regarding approval of existing premises and new approvals may be obtained from the APHA CSC at Carlisle via:

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

or, in the case of export from Northern Ireland, from the DAERA Trade Administration Team for meat and dairy exports by e-mail at: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk) or telephone 028 77442 060.

**5. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

OVs may certify paragraph IV(a) of the certificate on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA CSC at Carlisle or via disease clearance procedures in DAERA.

Freedom of the UK from the diseases listed in this paragraph is in accordance with the rules of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). These are recognised by the central competent authority of Taiwan as equivalent to TFDA rules.

**6. FITNESS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND EQUIVALENCE STATEMENTS**

Paragraphs IV(b), IV(d), IV(f) and IV(g) may be certified on the basis of the EU oval mark confirming compliance with the General Food Law Regulation (EC) 178/2002 together with Regulations (EC) Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004 and 2073/2005 (The EU Hygiene Regulations), as transposed into UK law.

The primary food legislation providing the framework for all food legislation in England, Wales and Scotland is The Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended) and, in Northern Ireland, The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

Enforcement of the General Food Law Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and implementation and enforcement of the EU Hygiene Regulations is provided through secondary legislation in England by The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended) and parallel

legislation in Wales and Scotland. In Northern Ireland it is provided by The Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

The Taiwanese authorities have recognised formally that the above-mentioned EU and domestic legislation is deemed equivalent to the hygiene rules as set by the regulations of Taiwan.

7. **ORIGIN OF ANIMALS FROM WHICH THE EXPORTED MEAT IS DERIVED**

Paragraph IV(c) refers. The certifying OV must carry out the necessary checks to verify these statements. This may be on the basis of knowledge of the operational conditions at the slaughterhouse regarding the UK farms of origin of the animals from which the exported meat is derived and checking and verification of Food Chain Information (FCI) and movement information accompanying the pigs to the slaughterhouse.

8. **REQUIREMENTS ON LABELLING AND PRODUCT INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO EXPORTS TO TAIWAN**

The following guidelines on labelling of goods intended for export to Taiwan is an official translation of the latest information provided by TFDA:

**1. Required information**

- Name of the product in traditional Chinese and English
- Country of origin
- Net weight, volume or quantity
- Date of manufacture, date(s) of slaughter, expiry date, best before date (DD-MM-YY)
- Batch/lot number
- Name of manufacturer, production facility approval number and address
- Storage and transportation conditions e.g. shipping container or palletised goods and storage temperature.

**2. Other information**

- Description of contents.
- Names of any food additives.
- Packaging container / packing material
- Name of any raw material that contains genetically modified food

**3. Labelling in traditional Chinese language**

The following information must be clearly marked in traditional Chinese on labels on the outer cartons of goods for export to Taiwan:

- name of product
- country of origin
- net weight
- volume / quantity
- expiry date (DD-MM-YY)
- name, address and approval number of manufacturer
- names of contents
- names of food additives
- name of any raw material containing genetically modified food

9. **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 APHA CSC at Carlisle, via the link below:

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

or, in the case of export from Northern Ireland, from the DAERA Trade Administration Team for meat and dairy exports by e-mail at: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by telephone 028 77442 060.

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