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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS NORTHERN IRELAND

EXPORT TO JAPAN OF FRESH MEAT FROM CATTLE UNDER THIRTY MONTHS OF AGE,  
INCLUDING OFFAL

HEALTH CERTIFICATE No: .....

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM (GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND)

FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I Identification of consignment

- (a) Description of the products:.....  
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- (b) Type and number of packages:.....  
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- (c) Net and gross weight of consignment: .....

II Origin of products - Designated Facilities

- \* (a) Name, address and official approval number of the slaughterhouse(s):  
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- \* (b) Name, address and official approval number of the cutting facilities:  
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- \* (c) Name, address and official approval number of the processing facilities:  
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- \* (d) Name, address and official approval number of the storage facilities  
(cold store):  
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- (e) Date(s) or Period(s) of slaughter:  
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- (f) Date(s) or Period(s) of cutting:  
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- (g) Date(s) or Period(s) of processing:  
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**III Destination of products**

- (a) Name and address of exporter:.....  
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- (b) Name and address of consignee:.....  
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- (c) Name and address of premises of despatch:  
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- (d) Means of transportation (Name of ship, flight number, airport/port of departure):.....

**IV Health Information**

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian certify that:

- (a) the United Kingdom is free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) and rinderpest and vaccination against FMD and Rinderpest is legally prohibited in the United Kingdom;
- (b) importation of cloven-hoofed animals that have been vaccinated against FMD and Rinderpest is completely prohibited in the United Kingdom;
- (c) the competent authority of the United Kingdom continues to maintain measures to prevent introduction, control spread and detect bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). These measures include specified risk material (SRM)<sup>1</sup> removal, an effective feed ban and a surveillance programme;
- (d) the exported beef to Japan was derived from cattle that were slaughtered only in designated facilities and the meat was produced and stored only in designated facilities;

- (e) cattle slaughtered for the production of the exported beef to Japan (hereinafter referred to as 'the slaughtered cattle') were either:
  - \* (i) born and raised only in the United Kingdom, or
  - \* (ii) directly and legally imported from a *specified country*, and raised in the United Kingdom, or
  - \* (iii) directly and legally imported from a *third free country*, and raised in the United Kingdom;

Name of the country .....

- (f) the slaughtered cattle were not suspect or confirmed BSE cases, or cohorts of BSE cases, as defined in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code adopted by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE);
- (g) the slaughtered cattle were free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases and found to be sound and healthy as a result of ante-mortem inspections, conducted by official veterinarians of the competent authority of the United Kingdom, and post-mortem inspections, conducted by officials under the supervision of the official veterinarians of the competent authority of the United Kingdom, in the designated facilities at the time of slaughter and are deemed as fit for human consumption;
- (h) The processing including slaughtering, dressing, eviscerating, dividing and chopping, or the manufacturing, has been done under sanitary condition in accordance with the British meat inspection requirements at least equivalent to that based on relevant Japanese laws.
- (i) the exported beef to Japan has been handled at the designated facilities in such a way as to prevent contamination with any causative agents of animal infectious diseases until shipment to Japan. The exported beef to Japan was packed into clean and sanitary wrappings and/or containers such as cardboard boxes;
- (j) the exported beef to Japan that was handled in the storage facilities was:
  - (1) completely wrapped and boxed;
  - (2) effectively segregated from any meat etc. other than products meeting the requirements for export to Japan; and
  - (3) handled to prevent cross contamination with any meat etc. other than products meeting the requirements for export to Japan;
- (k) in the case where the exported beef to Japan is transported to Japan by way of third countries, the shipping container was sealed by the competent authority of the United Kingdom;

Number of Seal(s) .....

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- (l) the exported beef and beef offal to Japan meets the EVP requirements.

\* Delete if not applicable

Place of issue: .....

Issuing Authority: .....

Official Stamp Signed ..... RCVS  
Official Veterinarian

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Name and title in block letters

Date .....

Address .....

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<sup>1</sup> Regardless of the BSE risk status of the country/zone of origin of the cattle:

- tonsils from all cattle;
- distal ileum (last two meters from connection to caecum) from all cattle;
- spinal cord from cattle older than 12 months of age;
- head (except for hygienically removed tongues and cheek meat) from cattle older than 12 months of age;
- vertebral column (excluding vertebrae of the tail, the spinous and transverse processes of the cervical, lumbar and thoracic vertebrae, the median sacral crest and wings of the sacrum) from cattle older than 30 months of age.