

**EXPORT OF BREEDING PIGS TO THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO - 8686EHC**

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

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**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued together with export certificate 8686EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8686EHC.

Exporters are 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 THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 8686EHC may be used for the export of pigs intended for breeding purposes from the United Kingdom to the Republic of Congo.

**2. IMPORT PERMIT**

A valid import authorisation issued by the Director of Animal Health of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Republic of Congo is required for importation of pigs intended for breeding from the United Kingdom.

The certifying OV must verify that an import permit has been issued to the exporter and that its expiry date falls within the anticipated time of arrival at the destination.

The number of the import authorisation must be entered in the space provided immediately above Part I of the certificate.

**3. SCHEDULES**

Section I refers. A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. In this case, Section I must be annotated 'See attached schedule'. Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the OV.

The schedule must be stapled to the health certificate and the OV 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 certificate must be deleted with diagonal lines.

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

In **England, Scotland and Wales**, this certificate must be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government as such and holding the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ (V)) authorisation.

In **Northern Ireland** (NI), this certificate must be signed by a Veterinary Officer/Inspector (VO/VI) of the Department or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed as an OV to the appropriate export panel for export purposes by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). For the purposes of these notes VOs, VIs and AVIs shall be referred to as OVs unless a specific reference is required.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in ink of a different colour to that of the printing.

In **England, Scotland and Wales**, a certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the APHA Centre for International Trade (CIT) at Carlisle within seven days of signing.

The OV should also keep a copy of the signed certificate and any supporting documents for at least three years after signature or receipt/dispatch of the consignment, whichever is later.

5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

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

6. **VACCINATION AGAINST SWINE ERYSIPELAS**

Paragraph IV(e) refers. OVs and exporters should note the requirement for exported pigs to be vaccinated against swine erysipelas and the specified timing of vaccination prior to the date of shipment.

7. **DISCLAIMER**

It is the responsibility of the exporter to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country.

If the permit or advice do not match the assurances provided on 8686EHC, in the case of export from Great Britain, the exporter should contact the APHA CIT at Carlisle at [product.exports@apha.gov.uk](mailto:product.exports@apha.gov.uk) or by phone at 03000 200 301.

For export from Northern Ireland, exporters should contact 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 at 028 77442 060.