

EXPORT OF BREEDING PIGS TO THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA - 8735EHC
NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued together with export certificate 8735EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8735EHC.

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.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 8735EHC may be used for the export of pigs intended for breeding purposes from the United Kingdom to the Republic of Rwanda.

2. IMPORT PERMIT

A valid letter of authorisation and an import permit issued by the Department of Animal Resources Innovation and Technology Centre of the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB) are required for importation of pigs intended for breeding from the United Kingdom. Exporters and importers can find the relevant contact details at www.rab.gov.rw.

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.

Important: the following documents must always accompany the animals/consignment and be presented to the Veterinary Authority at the port of entry in Rwanda:

- The original copy of the **letter or authorisation issued to the exporter** by the Office of the Head of the Department of the Animal Resources Innovation and Technology Transfer of RAB.
- **A valid import permit issued to the Importer in connection with the consignment being exported.**
- The **original 8735EHC** Certificate issued by APHA/DAERA duly completed and certified by the OV.

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 8735NFG (25/05/2022)

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. Please also refer to the last part of paragraph 6 of these notes regarding the attachment of test results to the certificate.

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) and IV(b) 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. SUBMISSION OF TESTS TO GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES

In Great Britain, the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at APHA Weybridge, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB.

Email: lab.services@apha.gov.uk

Telephone: General enquiries: 03000 600022

Pre-addressed labels can be obtained by telephoning 01932 357335.

Samples from Scotland should be sent to: APHA Lasswade, International Research Centre, Pentlands Science Park, Bush Loan, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 0PZ.

Important: Please telephone APHA Lasswade before dispatching samples for statutory testing, as some are only carried out at APHA Weybridge.

For operational reasons the laboratories involved may change periodically. If in doubt, APHA should be contacted to establish to which laboratory samples should be sent for testing and to obtain advice on procedures for collection and dispatch of samples. Samples should be submitted in good time to allow reports to be received in advance of the export date.

In the case of pre-export testing of large numbers of animals making up an export consignment, laboratories should be given the maximum period of notice possible for receipt of samples.

OVs should note the requirement from the Rwandan authorities that test results must be attached to and form part of the certificate in the same manner as the schedules referred to in paragraph 3 of these notes. Each page of test results must be signed, stamped and dated by the OV.

7. 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.

8. TRANSPORT TO PORT/AIRPORT OF DEPARTURE AND ONWARDS TO DESTINATION

The certifying OV must obtain the written declaration referred to in paragraph IV(i). For convenience these declarations have been reproduced at **Annex A** to these notes.

9. 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 8735EHC, in the case of export from Great Britain, the exporter should contact the APHA CIT at Carlisle at 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 or by telephone at 028 77442 060.

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TRANSPORT DECLARATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE OWNER / AGENT OF THE OWNER / EXPORTER OF THE ANIMALS

Health Certificate Reference No:.....

1. I,(name in block capitals) of

(address)

am the *owner / *agent of the owner / *exporter of the breeding pigs to be exported to Rwanda accompanied by export health certificate 8735EHC, the reference number of which appears above.

2. I hereby declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the following statements are correct and true with regard to the above consignment:

The following arrangements have been made regarding the transportation of the animals from the isolation premises to their destination:

EHC Paragraph	Declaration	YES (Initial)
IV(i)(i)	they will be transported directly to the airport/port of shipment in the UK in containers/vehicles previously cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant	
IV(i)(ii)	they will be transported without coming into contact with any animals other than those meeting the requirements of this certificate	
IV(i)(iii)	they will be transported to their destination safely and humanely in accordance with the Live Animal Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).	

Signature

Date