

NO: 0025 EHC NI

EXPORT OF CATTLE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND FOR BREEDING OR PRODUCTION TO THE ISLE OF MAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV's) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 0025 EHC (NI) These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 0025 EHC (NI).

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.

Associated Documents: 0025 EHC (NI), 0025 SUP

1. SCOPE

Export health certificate 0025 EHC (NI) and supplementary declaration 0025 SUP should be used to accompany cattle exported for breeding or production from Northern Ireland to the Isle of Man. Only cattle over 15 days of age may be exported.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs who holds the appropriate authorisation.

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

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

3. NUMBER AND IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

Paragraph I refers to the number of animals. It should be completed both in letters and figures.

Cattle should be identified with two official ear tags. These may be in either the UK9 or XI format.

NIFAIS Animal Group Number entered at III(c) is the official DAERA herd number.

4. PASSPORTS

In the case of cattle exported to the Isle of Man, the person responsible for the animal at its destination must surrender the passport to the competent authority on the animal's arrival at the holding. An application should then be made for a passport in the Isle of Man.

5. **SCHEDULES**

Paragraph II refers to animal identity. A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph II, and paragraph II must be annotated "see attached schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number. The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should stamp and sign each page of the schedule and certificate. Any blank spaces in the schedule or in paragraph II should be deleted with diagonal lines.

6. **AGE**

Paragraph II refers. Official Veterinarians should note that the date of birth of the animals exported must be given at paragraph II on the attached schedule.

7. **EXAMINATION**

Paragraph V (a) refers. The examination should be carried out within 24 hours of loading. Animals may not be certified for export if there are signs of infectious and contagious disease including infestation with external parasites and active lesions of ringworm.

8. **DISEASE CLEARANCE - TUBERCULOSIS, BRUCELLOSIS AND ENZOOTIC BOVINE LEUKOSIS (EBL)**

Paragraph V (b) refers. In the case of animals loaded for export from their premises of origin, Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph V (b) on behalf of the Department provided on receipt of veterinary support certification from DAERA.

10. **TEST FOR TUBERCULOSIS**

Paragraph V (c) refers. A minimum of 60 days must lapse between the last tuberculosis test and the pre-export test.

11. **SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION 0025 SUP**

The signed and stamped 0025 SUP must accompany the consignment to the Isle of Man. Part I of the Supplementary Declaration should be completed and signed by the owner or agent of the owner of the animals to be exported. Part II should be completed and signed by the Official Veterinarian. The Official Veterinarian should ensure that the owner or agent of the owner has read and understood the following guidance before signing Part I. The import conditions of the Isle of Man require that cattle for export from Northern Ireland for breeding and production must comply with the same movement rules as those currently in place for the movement of cattle between holdings in Great Britain, namely:

- a) **Residency** - The animals for export must have been resident on the holding of origin for at least 20 days prior to export or since birth;
- b) **Standstill** - No foot and mouth disease susceptible livestock may have moved on to the holding of origin during the previous 6 days.
- c) **Transport** - Under the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No 3) Order 2003 every vehicle used to carry cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, deer, racing pigeons, horses and poultry must be cleansed and disinfected before being loaded. Vehicles must also, as soon as reasonably practicable, be cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant after unloading and before being used again using an approved disinfectant. A list of approved disinfectants can be found here [Approved Disinfectants | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/362222/Approved_Disinfectants_-_2017.pdf)
- (d) Before signing Part II of 0025 SUP, the Official Veterinarian should check the validity of the owner's/agent's declaration by reference to the farm movement records and vehicle cleansing and disinfection certificate.

12. **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 and Wales and N. Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British 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. Information about the necessary

requirements may be obtained from the Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

13. **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 DAERA Trade Exports by emailing daeratradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk