

EXPORT OF SHEEP AND GOATS TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS AND SHOW/SALE

IMPORTANT

Associated Documents:7783EHC

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7783EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7783EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities in the Channel Island of destination, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. Scope of the certificate

Export health certificate 7783EHC may be used for the export of sheep and goats for breeding from the United Kingdom to the Channel Islands.

2. Verification of the Accredited Status of Maedi-Visna/CAE, and EAE Scheme Flock/Herds/Groups and Assembly Centres

(i) *For export direct from SAC Scheme flocks/herd/groups*
Paragraphs **III (b)**, **V (b) (i) (a)**, **V (g) (i)** refer:

The official certifying veterinarian must see a written confirmation obtained from the SAC Consulting, Premium Sheep & Goat Health Scheme (PSGHS) Tel: 01835 822456/Fax:01835 823643 that the status of the flock/herd is current.

(ii) *For export from an approved show, sale or assembly centre*
Paragraph **III(c)** and **V (b) (i) (b)** refer:

The official certifying veterinarian must ensure that the show, sale or assembly centre is approved to handle accredited sheep and goats from SAC Consulting. To do this the Veterinarian, exporter, or the premises operator on their behalf, should send the following details by fax to SAC Consulting as soon as an application is made for export of sheep or goats to the Channel Islands, and before the animals are moved on to the premises:

- the name of the show, sale or assembly centre from which the animals are to be exported;
- the official veterinarian's or show, sale or assembly centre operator's fax, telephone numbers or email address.

The fax or email address should then be sent to SAC Consulting, Tel:
01835 822456/Fax:01835 823643

3. SAC Consulting will arrange appropriate checks with a view to approving the show, sale or assembly centre to handle accredited stock. If the centre is approved, SAC Consulting will send confirmation of current status by fax to the official veterinarian.
4. As for direct exports the official veterinarian will also need to see written confirmation from SAC Consulting of the accredited status of all flocks from which animals are moved to the show, sale or assembly centre for export.
5. Official veterinarians, show, sale or assembly centre operators and exporters should be aware that checks on status can only be carried out during normal office hours.
6. **Flock/Herd Testing for Maedi-Visna/CAE - Non-Accredited Flocks/Herds - Paragraph V (b) (ii) (b) refers**

The number of adult sheep/goats to be tested should be determined by reference to the chart below. The sample should be representative of all age groups over 12 months of age.

<u>Flock/Herd size</u>	<u>No. of sheep/goats to be sampled</u>	<u>Flock/Herd size</u>	<u>No. of sheep/goats to be sampled</u>
10	10	500	129
20	20	600	132
30	30	700	134
40	40	800	136
50	48	900	137
60	55	1000	138
70	62	1200	140
80	68	1400	141
90	73	1600	142
100	78	1800	143
120	86	2000	143
140	92	3000	145
160	97	4000	146
180	101	5000	147
200	105	6000	147
250	112	7000	147
300	120	8000	147
350	121	9000	148
400	125	>10000	148
450	127		

7. **Pre-Export Isolation - Non-Accredited Flocks/Herds - Paragraphs V (b) (ii) (c) and V (b) (ii) (d) Refers**

Sheep and goats from **non-accredited** flocks/herds must be held in isolation on the premises of origin/or other suitable premises from the date of the pre-export MV/CAE test at paragraph V (b) (ii) (c), which must be within 30 days of export. The premises are to be approved by the Official Veterinarian.

Exporters are reminded that before the official veterinarian can approve premises the following conditions must be met:-

- (i) The isolation accommodation must comprise an airspace separate from any airspace in which other livestock are present, and be as remote as practicable from any other livestock.
- (ii) The interior of the isolation building must be capable of being thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, and must be cleansed and disinfected using an approved disinfectant immediately before the animal(s) to be exported are placed therein.
- (iii) No drainage or effluent produced by/derived from other livestock may pass through the isolation accommodation.
- (iv) Any person requiring entry to the isolation accommodation must first put on overalls and boots reserved exclusively for use in the isolation accommodation.
- (v) A footbath containing an approved disinfectant, diluted in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions, must be located at the entrance. Any person entering must first wash and disinfect his/her boots using the footbath.

Field isolation may be acceptable. In the case of field isolation, the field must have been free of livestock for at least 30 days and there must be no livestock in the adjacent fields within a distance of at least 3 metres. There must be no risk of drainage or effluent from fields or buildings containing other livestock. Paragraphs iv) and v) above also apply.

8. Paragraph V (b) (ii) (c) refers. Official Veterinarians and exporters should note that this paragraph, if applicable, requires that all animals in the isolation group must be tested for MV/CAE and that all test results must be negative. If kid or lambs born in isolation, the exporter may seek written agreement from the **veterinary authorities in the Channel Island of destination** for these animals to be excluded from testing. This agreement, if granted, should be forwarded to the APHA Centre for International Trade (CIT), Carlisle so that the official veterinarian can be given authority to amend the health certificate.

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Paragraph V (c) refers. If in doubt, the APHA Regional Veterinary Lead (RVL) must be consulted.

10. Residency

Paragraph V (d) refers. Movements to officially approved shows or EU approved semen collection centres may be ignored.

11. Tests

Samples for tests must be sent to an official laboratory.

12. Certification by an Official Veterinarian

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes.

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the APHA Centre for International Trade for Exports, Carlisle within seven days of issue. The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

13. Disclaimer

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle within seven days of issue. The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records. The 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 Centre for International Trade, Carlisle via the link below:

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

14. 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, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the UK 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.

Further information on OIE and IATA transport recommendations may be obtained from the following offices;

England, Scotland and Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, via the link below:

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

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB. DARD helpline number 0300 200 7852.

DARD helpline email - dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk

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