

Proposed Draft Generic Model Health Certificate

Deadline for comments: 30 April 2008

Background

At its 16th Session, CCFICS supported a proposal made by the European Community to develop a generic model health certificate and agreed to forward the project document as amended to the 61st Session of the Executive Committee for critical review and to the 31st Session of the Commission for approval as new work.

It was agreed to establish a physical Working Group, led by the European Community, open to all Members and Observers and working in English, French and Spanish, which would prepare a proposed draft Generic Model Health Certificate for circulation at Step 3 and further consideration at Step 4 at the 17th session of CCFICS. It was also agreed that in order to facilitate the initial work of the Working Group, Codex members and observers be invited to electronically submit elements for the proposed draft document to the Delegation of the European Community.

The advantages highlighted at the 16th Session of CCFICS of a generic health certificate were: avoiding different interpretations, being easier to produce and read, reducing the number of certificates thereby facilitating trade. Additional comments were also made as follows: the work should be consistent with the work done by IPPC and OIE; the template should be flexible enough to support future electronic certification while taking into account countries' technical capabilities and resources; the template should allow for multiple attestations; the experience of those Committees that have already developed certificates should be used. Some delegations in addition underlined the necessity to take into account other initiatives in this area such as those of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT).

The Committee also clarified that this work would focus on the data elements and their spatial layout in a paper certificate with explanatory notes providing information for each field.

This generic model health certificate would be annexed to the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and use of Generic Official Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001)

The Delegation of the European Community amended the proposal originally made in Annex I of document CX/FICS 07/16/9 in light of the comments which were provided before and during the discussion at the 16th Session of CCFICS. The outcome of the latest meeting of the OIE *ad hoc* Group on the Revision of OIE Model Certificates (Paris, 28-30 January 2008) was also taken into account.

This proposal is now submitted for comments to be sent by email to the following address codex@ec.europa.eu before **30 April 2008**.

The objective is to circulate a redrafted document in May 2008 among those who registered for the physical Working Group for a new round of comments. The comments will then be discussed at the physical Working Group meeting to be held in Brussels on 8 and 9 July 2008. The invitation to this physical working group was circulated on 27 February by the Codex Secretariat to all Codex members and observers.

Generic Model Health Certificate

Part I

COUNTRY:		Sanitary certificate	
Part I : Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name		I.2. Certificate reference number
	Address		I.2.a*
	Tel.N°*		I.3. Central Competent Authority
	I.5. Consignee Name		I.4. Local Competent Authority*
	Address		I.6. Person responsible for the consignment** Name
	Tel.N°*		Address
	I.7. Country of origin ISO code* I.8. Region of origin** Code*		I.9. Country of destination ISO code* I.10. Region of destination** Code*
	I.11. Place of origin Name Approval number** Address		I.12. Place of destination Custom warehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Ship supplier <input type="checkbox"/> Name Approval number** Address
	I.13. Place of loading		I.14. Date of departure
	I.15. Means of transport Acroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		I.16. Expected Border post
Identification: Documentary references*:		I.17. N°(s) CITES or Export licence**	
I.18. Description of commodity		I.19. Commodity code (HS code)	
		I.20. Total quantity	
I.21. Temperature of product Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>		I.22. Total number of packages	
I.23. Identification of container**/Seal number**		I.24. Type of packaging	
I.25. Commodities certified for: Human consumption <input type="checkbox"/> Animal feedingstuff <input type="checkbox"/> Further process <input type="checkbox"/> Technical use <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			
I.26. For transit <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd country ISO code*		I.27. For import <input type="checkbox"/>	
I.28. Identification of the commodities**			
Species	Nature	treatment type	Approval number of establishments
			N° packages
			Lot N°
			Net weight

* : Optional

** : If referenced in Part II

Part II

COUNTRY:

Sanitary certificate

Partie II: Sanitary attestation	II. Health information *	II.a. Certificat reference number	II.b.
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Responsible body for signature			
Name (in Capital):		Official position	
Date:		Signature:	
Stamp			

* Specific sanitary requirement to be completed

Explanatory notes on the sanitary certificate

General: Please complete the certificate in capitals. To positively indicate any option, please tick or insert an X.

Ensure that no portion of certificate is left blank in a manner that would allow it to be amended. Non applicable fields may be crossed out.

Where mentioned, the ISO codes use the two-letter country code in compliance with the international standard ISO 3166 alpha-2. (Optional).

Part I Information on the consignment shipped

Country: Name of the country issuing the certificate.

Box I.1:

Consignor: Name and address (street, town and region/province/state, as applicable) of the physical or legal person who sends the consignment. It is recommended that telephone and fax numbers or the email address be given (optional).

Box I.2:

The certificate reference number is the number that the competent authority of the third country must assign in accordance with its own classification.

Box I.2.a:

Case dedicated to the electronic certification numbering (optional)

Box I.3:

Competent Central Authority: Name of the Central Authority of the country of dispatch which is responsible for certification.

Box I.4:

Competent local authority: If applicable, name of the local authority responsible at the place of origin or place of dispatch in the country which is responsible for certification.

Box I.5:

Consignee: Name and address (street, town and post code) of the physical or legal person to whom the consignment is shipped in the country of destination, at the time the certificate is issued.

This information is not compulsory for goods in transit.

Box I.6

Person responsible for the load:

- 1: for products in transit: Name and address (street, town and post code) of the principal. It is recommended that the telephone and fax numbers or the email address be given (optional). The principal is responsible for the consignment when it is presented at the border inspection post and makes the necessary declarations to the competent authorities on behalf of the importer.

2: for products imported: Optional. Name and address (street, town and post code). It is recommended that the telephone and fax numbers or the email address be given (optional).

This information can be amended until the importation or transit permit is granted by the country of destination.

Box I.7:

Country of origin: Name of the country in which the finished products were produced, manufactured or packaged.

Box I.8:

Region of origin: If applicable and referenced in Part II: This is only for products affected by regionalisation measures or by the setting up of approved zones.

Code: as indicated in the relevant regulations (optional).

Box I.9:

Country of destination: Name of the country of destination of the products.
If the products are in transit, name of the country of destination.

Box I.10:

Region of destination: cf. Box I.8.

Box I.11:

Place of origin: Premise from which the products are to be dispatched. Name, address (street, town and region/province/state, as applicable) and the approval or registration number of these structures if this latter is required in Part II.

Box I.12:

Place of destination: for storage of products in transit: Please give the name, address (street/town and postcode) and the approval or registration number of the warehouse in a free zone, customs warehouse or ship chandler.

Place of destination: for import: Optional. The place where products are sent for final unloading. Please give the name, address (street, town and post code) and the approval or registration number of the structures of the place of destination if applicable. It is recommended that telephone and fax numbers or the email address be given.

Box I.13:

Place of loading: Name of a seaport, airport, freight terminal, rail station or other place at which goods are loaded onto the means of transport being used for their carriage.

Box I.14:

Date of departure: expected date at the time the certificate is issued.

Box I.15:

Means of transport: details on the means of transport at the time the certificate is issued.

The type of transport: air, ship, rail, road, other.

Identification of the means of transport: by air, the flight number, by ship, the name of the ship, by rail, the number of the train and the rail car and by road the number plate of the road

vehicle and the number of the trailer if applicable. If the means of transport is changed after the certificate has been issued, the consignor must inform the border inspection post of entry. Documentary reference: optional: number of the airway bill, bill of lading, or the commercial number of the train or road vehicle.

Box I.16:

Expected border post: Name of the expected border inspection post of entry authorised by the competent authority of the importing country and if available its UN/LOCODE (refer to the United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations).

Box I.17:

CITES authorisation or export licence number: relevant only for products listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora or when export licences are requested.

Box I.18:

Description of goods: sanitary description of the goods. The description must be precise enough to allow the goods to be classified in the World Customs Organisation's Harmonised System.

Box I.19:

Commodity code (HS code): Heading (4 digits) or subheading (6 digits) of the Harmonised system set up by the World Customs Organisation.

Box I.20:

Total quantity
total gross weight and total net weight in kg of the whole consignment.

Box I.21:

Temperature of the product: appropriate temperature for transport/storage of the product.

Box I.22:

Number of packages: total number of packages for products.

Box I.23:

Seals numbers and number of containers: Identify the containers and seal numbers where required and if referenced in Part II.

Box I.24:

Type of packaging: Identify the type of packaging of products as defined in Recommendation N° 21 Code of passengers, type of cargo, package and packaging materials of UN/CEFACT (United Nation Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business)

Box I.25:

Goods certified for the purposes of: indicate the intended use of the products (only the available options feature in each specific certificate).

Human consumption: only for products for human consumption and for which a health certificate is required by the regulations.

Animal feed: only for products for animal feed.

Processing: only for products which are to be processed before they are marketed.

Technical use: products not fit for human and animal consumption.

Others: for purposes not indicated in this classification.

Box I.26:

For transit: For products destined to be in transit or for inward processing: Name and ISO code (optional) of the country of destination.

Box I.27:

For import. For products destined to be release for free circulation, for customs warehousing, for processing under customs control, temporary admission, for outward processing.

Box I.28:

Identification of goods: give the requirements specific to the types of products. The information required, which is listed exhaustively below, is set out in each specific certificate. Species (by its scientific name), nature of commodity, treatment type , approval number of establishments (slaughterhouse, production plant, store (cold store or not)), lot number, package number, net weight.

Part II Sanitary attestation

Box II.

Health information: information in compliance with the relevant regulation of the importing country.

Box II.a.

Reference number: cf. Box 1.2. If several pages are necessary for the description of all the attestation this case must be reproduced on every page.

Box II.b.

Cf case I.2.a

Signing body: name, official position, official stamp and date of signature.