DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DAERA)

 EXPORT OF CAMELIDS NOT FOR SLAUGHTER DIRECT FROM THEIR PREMISES OF ORIGIN TO AN EU MEMBER STATE

**Please note, these forms are currently only for use for export to the Republic of Ireland. Please contact DAERA IN ADVANCE of export for further advice via** **daeratradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk**

**Please also contact the above address if you wish to export to an EU Member state other than the ROI.**

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OWNERS/EXPORTERS

**Please note the following before proceeding with your plans to export:**

1. Your premises must be registered by DAERA to be eligible to export and this registration number/herd number must be included on the export certificate. If you have not already done so please contact your local DAERA office to register.
2. There are specific testing requirements for herds/animals in order to be eligible to export. Please discuss these with your vet to ensure these can be fully met.
3. Transportation – this can only be undertaken by DAERA approved WIT1 or WIT2 transporters. If you do not have the relevant approval, then you will need to make alternative arrangements.

**If proceeding with your plans to export:**

1. Apply for export paperwork to your authorised veterinary Practitioner a(PVP) using TRACES EXA APPLICATION FORM
2. Complete an owner’s declaration using the notes for guidance provided below

Both of these documents are available from your veterinarian or from the DAERA website at [www.daera-ni.gov.uk](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk). You can also request copies from your local DAERA Veterinary Office.

**COMPLETION OF OWNER’S DECLARATION OD (PO) (CAM-INTRA-X)**

1. **Identification**

*All animals must be identified in accordance with legal requirements*

For camelids (camels, alpacas, vicuna, llama) this should be an ear tag with a unique number or an implanted microchip.

1. **Residency and standstill**

*The animals, for at least the 30 day period prior to departure, or since birth if they are younger than 30 days*

1. *Been continuously resident in the establishment of origin*
2. *Have not been in contact with any camelids animals of a lower health status or subject to movement restrictions for animal health reasons*
3. *Have not been in direct or indirect contact with kept animals that have entered the European Union from a third country or territory during the 30 day period prior to the departure of these animals*

(a) To sign for this you will need to have records of all the animals’ identification, date of birth (or age if purchased) and the date they moved to your herd. These records should be made available to your vet.

(b) Your herd must not be under any restrictions and must not mix with any other herds under restriction.

(c) You must not have brought in any animals from third countries in the 30 days prior to export, this will include Great Britain. If animals have been brought in as such they must have been kept in DAERA approved isolation facilities and have had no contact with the animals for export.

1. **Brucellosis Requirements**

*They come from establishments in which infection with* *Brucella abortus, B. melitensis and B. suis in camelid animals has not been reported during the last 42 days prior to departure, and the animals in the consignment have been subjected to a* *test for infection with Brucella abortus, B. melitensis and B. suis with one of the diagnostic methods provided for in Part 1 of Annex I to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, carried out, with negative results, on a sample taken during the 30 day period prior to departure,* *and in the case of post-parturient females taken at least 30 days after parturition*

This requires that you:

* Have had no cases of Brucella abortus, B. melitensis and B. suis in the 42 days prior to export
* Have the animals intended for export, tested for infection with Brucella abortus, B. melitensis and B. suis with negative results, 30 days before export and, in the case of post-parturient females, taken at least 30 days after parturition. Animals tested with one of the following diagnostic methods:
	+ Buffered Brucella antigen test
	+ Complement fixation test (CFT)
	+ Indirect enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (I-ELISA)
	+ Florescence polarisation assay (FPA)
	+ Competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (C-ELISA
1. **Tuberculosis requirements**

*They come from establishments in which surveillance for infection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (M. bovis, M. caprae and M. tuberculosis) has been carried out on the camelid animals kept on the establishments during at least the 12 month period prior to departure, as referred to in Article 23(1)(e) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688.*

This requires that you;

* Have all animals used for breeding tested for TB within the 12 month period prior to export. This can be via a skin test or a blood test.
* Any animals slaughtered must undergo a post mortem.
* Any fallen stock older than 9 months of age must undergo a post mortem unless it is impossible to do so.

If TB is detected in your herd then you cannot export until;

* All animals over 6 weeks of age have a clear TB test. The test must be no earlier than 42 days after the last TB positive animal has left the herd.

Test results must be made available to the certifying vet.

1. **Health status of the premises of origin**

 ‘*The animals come from establishments where there were no abnormal mortalities with an undetermined cause.’*

With regard to this paragraph you should make your herd records available for inspection by the certifying Vet.

*‘They do not come from establishments subject to movement restrictions affecting the species or situated in a restricted zone established for reasons of diseases listed for camelid animals’*

With regard to this paragraph, if you also keep cattle and your camelid herd is associated to your cattle herd then you cannot export if your herd is restricted due to TB, i.e. if you have TB suspended (OTS) or withdrawn (OTW) status. If unsure you should discuss with your veterinarian.

**CANCELLATION OR CHANGES TO THE CONSIGNMENT DETAILS FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION**

If the consignment is

•  cancelled, or

•  its date/time of departure has changed significantly, or

•  a different vehicle is used, or

•  all the animals are not loaded,

You must notify the certifying vet giving the relevant details so that a replacement TRACES NT message can be sent.