**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DAERA)**

**EXPORT OF CERVIDS 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**](mailto: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**

1. Apply for export paperwork to your Official Veterinarian (OV) 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.

1. Your herd must be Balai registered 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.

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

1. **Identification**

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

For cervids (deer, reindeer) this should be an ear tag with a unique number, an implanted microchip or a unique tattoo number.

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 of 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 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 they must have been kept in DAERA approved isolation facilities and have had no contact with the animals for export.

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.

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 cervid 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 had **TWO** clear TB tests. The first test must be 6 months after the last TB positive animal has left the herd.

If the vet signing the certificate is not the vet who conducted this testing you must make the results available to this vet.

NB If you also have a cattle herd that is associated to your deer herd you can only export if you have Officially TB Free (OTF) status .If your herd is either TB suspended (OTS) or TB withdrawn (OTW) then the deer are not eligible for export until TB free status is achieved. If you are unsure regarding this provision please consult your veterinarian.

1. **Brucellosis requirements**

*They come from establishments in which infection with Brucella abortus, B. melitensis and*

*B. suis in cervid animals has not been reported during the last 42 days prior to departure.*

There must have been no diagnosed cases of brucellosis on your holding in the 42 days prior to export

**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 message can be sent.