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

**EXPORT OF CERVIDS INTENDED FOR SLAUGHTER DIRECT FROM THEIR PREMISES OF ORIGIN TO AN EU MEMBER STATE**

**DECLARATION OF TRANSPORT**

**This must be completed by the transporter of the animals.**

**I, .............................................…………….... (name), being the transporter of the cervids identified at I.30 of the Intra-Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC), serial number INTRA.XI.**..............................................**: declare that arrangements have been made to ensure that the following conditions will be complied with:**

1. **BLUETONGUE**

The animals will either

* Be transported through bluetongue free countries and zones **OR**
* Will be protected from attacks by vectors (through the use of insecticides) and
* the animals will not be unloaded for more than a day OR
* the animals are unloaded in a vector protected establishment OR
* the animals are unloaded in a country or zone during the vector free period

1. **WELFARE**

Council Regulation 1/2005 lays down the provisions for the protection of animals during transport. The Regulation is enforced in Northern Ireland by the Welfare of Animals (Transport) Regulations (NI) 2006. Article 3 of the EU Regulation requires that animals must be fit for the intended journey before the journey starts *and must remain sufficiently fit throughout the journey* and that no person shall transport them in a way likely to cause injury or undue suffering. This means that animals should be healthy enough to tolerate the entire journey they are about to make (including loading, unloading and any journey breaks) with no or very little adverse effect on them and that the journey should not cause the animals any suffering or injury.

Animals not considered to be fit for transport include those that:

* + are unable to move independently without pain or to walk unassisted;
  + present a severe open wound, or prolapse;
  + are pregnant females for whom 90% or more of the expected gestation period has already passed, or females who have given birth in the previous week;
  + are new-born mammals in which the navel has not completely healed;
  + are lambs less than one week of age, unless they are transported less than 100 km.

The animals will be transported in means of transport which are constructed in such a way that the animal faeces, litter or feed cannot leak or fall out of the vehicle

The vehicle used for transport will be cleansed and disinfected prior to the loading of the certified animals if it has been used previously for the transport of animals, or of any product which could affect animal health.

Disinfectants used will be those officially authorised by DAERA.

The said animals will be transported without coming into contact with cloven hoofed animals other than those of a similarly certified health status and will not pass through any zones restricted for reasons of animal health.

I am in possession of a:

(i) \*Transporter’s authorisation: type 1 (for <8hours transport) or type 2 (for >8hours transport)

(ii) Valid vehicle approval certificate for journeys > 8 hours

(iii) Valid certificates of competence for drivers and/or attendants.

Furthermore, I have made copies of these available for the certifying Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner.

**\*NB**

For transport of live animals direct to the EU transporter’s authorisations must be issued by an EU Member State.

For transport of live animals to the EU via GB, the GB authorities state that they also require the equivalent documents to be issued by the UK.

**Date**: ....................... **Signed**: ............................………………….

**Name** (BLOCK LETTERS): .................................................…………………………….

**Address**: ...............................................................……………………………………….