



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Model Health Certificate for the Movement of Pet Rabbits and Rodents¹ Into Northern Ireland, from countries other than other EU Member States and countries other than those listed in Part I of Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 577/2013².

Animal Details:³

Number of animals: _____

Species (scientific & common name)	Breed (if applicable)	Identification and description ⁴	Sex (if known)	Colour	Date of Birth (as stated by owner or if known)	Relevant health information (if any) ⁵

¹ A pet rabbit/rodent is an animal travelling with its owner for the purpose of a holiday or a change of residence, with no intended change of ownership involved (selling/gifting/re-homing). The animals may also travel with a person authorised in writing by the owner, as long as that movement is within 5 days of the owners movement. If you require information on a commercial (travelling to rehome/gift/sell) or unaccompanied (owner not travelling with the animal) movement, please contact tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk. Pet rabbits are those that are not intended for food production.

² These listed countries are: Andorra, Switzerland, Faeroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State

³ Up to 5 pet animals may travel per person.

⁴ The animal should be micro-chipped or otherwise identified if possible. If this is not possible for that species, then it should be described in such a way as to establish a clear link between the animal and this document.

⁵ Any health information the veterinarian thinks is relevant in relation to infectious diseases, in particular notifiable disease or infectious/contagious disease, or the suitability of this animal for travel.

Health Requirements

I, the undersigned, confirm the pet rabbit(s) and/or rodent(s)* described above:

1. Was/were* subject to veterinary health examination on _____ (date, within ten days of travel) and were found to be fit and healthy for travel, and free of signs of contagious disease;
2. Was/were* born in captivity and kept in captivity since birth;
3. Come(s)* from a holding **not** subject to any animal health restrictions;
4. Will be transported in compliance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations, if travelling by air, or in such a way as to not compromise animal welfare.
5. The animal/s shall be confined during transit in a container which shall contain no hay, straw or peat moss litter and shall be secured with a seal or lock.

*Delete as appropriate

Issuing Veterinarian Details

Name:

Contact Information:

Signature:

Date⁶:

Practice Stamp:

Please ensure the owner also signs the document.

⁶ This document is valid for 10 days.

Owner Details

Owner Name:

Owner Phone Number:

Owner Email Address:

I, the owner of the pet rabbit(s) and/or rodent(s)* described above, hereby declare that all required CITES documents for this movement have been correctly prepared.

The pets will be transported will be transported in compliance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations, if travelling by air, or in such a way so as to not compromise their welfare. The animals will be moved directly without unloading or delay from the place of dispatch to the destination, and the container used for transport of the animal will be cleansed and disinfected with an officially approved disinfectant before and after use.

I confirm that the animal(s)* recorded on this certificate are pet animals travelling with their owner, or with an authorised person within five days of the owners movement, for non-commercial reasons, and that there is no intended change of ownership (gifting/selling/re-homing) associated with the movement.

Owner Signature:

Date:

If required:

Authorised Person Name:

Authorised Person Phone Number:

Authorised Person Email Address:

*Delete as appropriate

Notes:

Pet rabbits and pet rodents entering Northern Ireland from the UK may undergo a random spot compliance check on arrival.

This document must travel with the pet rabbits and pet rodents as a veterinary health certificate, and must be presented at the compliance check. If your pet fails its compliance check, your pet may be quarantined or returned to the country of origin at your expense.

It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that any CITES documentation required to travel with the species has been correctly prepared use the following link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-cites-permits-and-certificates-to-trade-endangered-species>

The species must also not be on the invasive species list, more information available at

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/list/index_en.htm.

For further queries on travel with pet rabbits and rodents into Northern Ireland please see

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/travelling-pets> .