PROTOCOL ON IRELAND / NORTHERN IRELAND

POSITION PAPER ON POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES

I. Context

- On 13 October 2021, the European Commission ("the Commission") put forward a series of nonpapers¹ setting out far-reaching arrangements to facilitate the movement of goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland. In this way, it responded to the practical problems raised by people and businesses in Northern Ireland stemming from the choices made by the United Kingdom when it left the European Union ("EU"), and consequently the application of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland ("the Protocol") to the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community ("Withdrawal Agreement")2.
- On Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues, these arrangements would provide for a durable solution in the form of a genuine simplification of processes and procedures for a significant range of goods intended solely for sale to final consumers in retail establishments in Northern Ireland. These facilitations should be accompanied by appropriate pre-conditions, operational conditions and structural safeguards to protect the integrity of the EU's Internal Market and ensure that there is no increased risk to public, animal or plant health on the island of Ireland or to the SPS status of the island of Ireland. On 21 February 2022, the Commission published a factsheet³ further illustrating the suggested flexibilities.
- This position paper follows extensive discussions with the UK Government and with stakeholders in Northern Ireland since the publication of the non-paper on SPS issues in October 2021. It sets out the key elements of the solutions aimed at giving effect to the arrangements outlined in that non-paper.
- 4. The solutions set out in this position paper are without prejudice to the powers conferred by the Treaties on the Union Institutions and to ongoing infringement procedures.
- In addition to the elements set out in this position paper, the Commission is open to explore solutions for the further facilitation of the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of consignments of organic products, fishery products, poultry meat and eggs intended solely for sale to final consumers in retail establishments in Northern Ireland. These facilitations equally should be accompanied by appropriate conditions and safeguards to protect the integrity of the EU's Internal Market.

II. Implementation of the suggested solutions

The Commission could envisage, within the framework of the Protocol, presenting targeted proposals for amending relevant Union legal acts in order to implement the suggested solutions:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/relations-non-eu-countries/relations-united-kingdom/eu-uk-withdrawalagreement/protocol-ireland-and-northern-ireland en#october-2021-package

OJ L 29, 31.1.2020, p. 7.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/protocol-ireland-northern-ireland-sanitary-and-phytosanitary-goodssps_en

- by providing for specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements for consignments of retail goods (as defined in point 9 below) entering Northern Ireland from Great Britain, subject to compliance with certain conditions, and by empowering the Commission to adopt the necessary delegated and implementing acts. If such targeted proposals were adopted, the Commission could adopt legal acts laying down the specific rules necessary for the operation of the reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements as well as implementing rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements.
- 7. The Union legal acts operationalising the suggested solutions would apply to and in the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland pursuant to Articles 5(4) and 13(3) of the Protocol, read in conjunction with Article 6(3) of the Withdrawal Agreement.

II.1 Wide scope

- 8. The suggested facilitations would cover **any authorised retailer in Northern Ireland** (regardless of size) and their authorised suppliers in Great Britain. The concept of retailer is very broad, including, for example, the hospitality sector, schools, canteens, supermarket distribution centres, etc. The suggested facilitations would cover **food products packed and labelled for final consumers in Northern Ireland**, including retail goods the entry of which into the EU is usually restricted, such as chilled minced meat or chilled sausages. They would also cover **certain plants** intended for retail sale such as cut flowers.
- 9. These facilitations could be implemented by:
 - laying down specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements for the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of consignments of retail goods that would include the following definitions:
 - 'retail goods' means the following goods if delivered either at the point of sale or to the final consumer, including distribution terminals, catering operations, factory canteens, institutional catering, restaurants and other similar food service operations, shops, supermarket distribution centres and wholesale outlets:
 - (i) products of animal origin, as defined in the relevant EU legislation;
 - (ii) composite products intended for human consumption;
 - (iii) ready-to-use pet food and dog chews falling within the scope of the relevant EU legislation; and
 - (iv) plants other than plants intended for planting, plant products and other objects listed pursuant to the relevant legislation;
 - 'ingredient' means any product of animal origin or any animal by-product, subject to the animal health requirements referred to Article 1(2), points (d) and (e), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, which is used in the manufacture or preparation of retail goods.

II.2 Simplified certification and reduced checks

10. Only a single simplified official certificate, signed by the UK competent authority, would be required for each lorry with a mixed load of retail goods. The official certificate would globally certify that all retail goods of different types, classes or descriptions transported by the same lorry comply with applicable EU SPS requirements and are intended for sale to final consumers in Northern Ireland.

- 11. In addition, consignments of certain retail goods subject to restrictions for import into the EU (for example, chilled meat and meat products) could enter Northern Ireland from Great Britain provided that they are accompanied by an individual official certificate.
- 12. Documentary checks would remain compulsory but could be performed electronically. Identity and physical checks would be reduced by more than 80% compared to mandatory checks applicable to the same goods entering the EU.
- 13. These facilitations could be implemented by:
 - (a) making the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of consignments of products of animal origin intended for retail, when they or their ingredients either originate in Great Britain or have been introduced into Great Britain from the Union, subject to the specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements regarding human or animal health⁴;
 - (b) making the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of consignments of pet food and dog chews intended for retail when they or their ingredients either originate in Great Britain or have been introduced into Great Britain from the Union, subject to the specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements regarding animal health⁵;
 - (c) providing that the phytosanitary certificate laid down in EU legislation would not be required for consignments of plants other than listed plants for planting and plant products, if they are intended for retail, when they enter Northern Ireland from Great Britain and they either originate in Great Britain or have been introduced into Great Britain from the Union.
 - The entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of such consignments could be subject to the specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements regarding plant health, where such specific rules are adopted⁶.
 - (d) the relevant rules providing for the following⁷:
 - (i) The entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of consignments of retail goods may be subject to specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements;
 - (ii) The Commission would be empowered to lay down rules necessary for the operation of the reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements, including specific rules for listing establishments in Great Britain and Northern

By amending Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law'), (OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1).

By amending Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC° No 1774/2002 (Animal by-products Regulation), (OJ L 300, 14.11.2009, p. 1).

By amending Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2016 on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC (OJ L 317, 23.11.2016, p. 4).

By amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, (Official Controls Regulation), (OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1).

- Ireland for the entry into Northern Ireland of consignments of retail goods, and removing establishments from such lists;
- (iii) Where the pre-conditions (referred to in Section II.3 below) are fulfilled, the Commission would be empowered to lay down rules on the reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements for consignments of retail goods, including the following:
 - the frequency of documentary, identity and physical checks on those consignments;
 - model forms of the official certificates required to accompany those consignments and be presented at border control posts of first arrival in Northern Ireland.
- (e) requiring the official certificates accompanying all consignments of the retail goods to be checked at the border control post of first arrival in Northern Ireland;
- (f) requiring identity checks and physical checks to be performed on the consignments of the retail goods at a frequency rate of [X%] of consignments; however, in the case of consignments consisting only of plants other than plants for planting, or plant products and other objects that frequency rate is to be [X%] of these plants and plant products and other objects;
- (g) requiring consignments of retail goods to be accompanied by an official certificate corresponding to one of the following models, depending on the categories of retail goods concerned:
 - (i) model Retail NI, drawn up in accordance with the draft model set out in **Annex 1** to this paper, for the following retail goods:
 - products of animal origin, other than fresh meat obtained from meat imported into the United Kingdom from the Union, minced meat and meat preparations;
 - composite products intended for human consumption;
 - pet food;
 - dog chews.
 - plants, other than plants for planting;
 - plant products and other specific objects.
 - (ii) model MM/MP Retail NI, drawn up in accordance with the draft model set out in **Annex 2** to this paper, for the following products of animal origin:
 - fresh meat obtained from meat imported into the United Kingdom from the Union;
 - minced meat and meat preparations directly delivered to retailers in Northern Ireland from Great Britain.
 - (h) requiring the official certificates for the retail goods contained in the same consignment to be supplemented by a description of the commodities included in the consignment.
 - The official certificates for the retail goods referred to under point (g)(ii) may only cover products of one species.

II.3 <u>Pre-conditions, operational conditions and structural safeguards to protect the integrity of the EU's Internal Market.</u>

- 14. The implementation of the suggested solutions would be subject to pre-conditions, in particular, the United Kingdom delivering full and real time access to Union representatives to the UK IT customs systems as laid down in Article 12(2) of the Protocol and Article 5 of Decision No 6/2020 of the Joint Committee⁸ and completion of the construction and staffing of permanent Border Control Posts, in accordance with the minimum requirements laid down in EU law⁹. In addition, the facilitations should be subject to a number of operational conditions and structural safeguards to ensure compliance with those conditions in practice and protect the integrity of the EU's Internal Market and ensure that there is no increase in the risk to public, animal or plant health on the island of Ireland or to the SPS status of the island of the Ireland.¹⁰
- 15. *The pre-conditions could be implemented by* allowing the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of consignments of retail goods to be subject to specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements.

Those specific rules would be allowed to apply to the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of consignments of retail goods, where those retail goods or the ingredients thereof either originate in Great Britain or have been introduced into Great Britain from the Union and which are only to be placed on the market in Northern Ireland and which are dispatched from and received by establishments listed in Great Britain and Northern Ireland respectively for that purpose, where written guarantees are provided by the United Kingdom that any reduction in the rate of official controls carried out on such consignments and any simplification of the certification requirements does not lead to an increased level of risk on the island of Ireland or to its SPS status, or risk affecting the integrity of the EU's Internal Market, and in particular that:

- (i) effective official controls at the border control posts of first arrival of such consignments in Northern Ireland are carried out; and
- (ii) adequate controls, monitoring and surveillance measures are in place regarding the movement of those retail goods from the border control post of arrival in Northern Ireland to their place of destination in Northern Ireland to ensure that they are solely intended for retail sale at listed establishments in Northern Ireland and will not subsequently be moved to a Member State.

16. The operational conditions could be implemented by:

• Specific rules necessary for the operation of reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements on the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of certain consignments of retail goods, where those retail goods or the ingredients thereof either originate in Great Britain or have been introduced into Great Britain from the Union and are to be placed on the market in Northern Ireland. These specific rules would cover the following requirements:

Decision No 6/2020 of the Joint Committee established by the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community of 17 December 2020 providing for the practical working arrangements relating to the exercise of the rights of Union representatives referred to in Article 12(2) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland [2020/2250] (OJ L 443, 30.12.2020, p. 16).

See the findings and recommendations of the Commission's recent audit report on the system of official controls on entry of animals and goods into Northern Ireland and verification of compliance of Border Control Posts in Northern Ireland with Union requirements: https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4450.

See paragraphs 6, 7, 11 and 12 of the Commission non-paper of 13 October 2021.

- (a) the requirement that consignments of the retail goods must be dispatched from and received by establishments in Great Britain and in Northern Ireland listed respectively for that purpose;
- (b) the requirement that the official certificate or electronic equivalent accompanying each consignment of the retail goods or each category of products of animal origin is presented and kept by the competent authorities of the border control posts in Northern Ireland.

• Requirements for the retail goods:

Consignments of retail goods entering Northern Ireland from Great Britain through border control posts in Northern Ireland, would only be covered by the specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements if they comply with the following conditions:

- (a) they originate either in Great Britain or have been introduced into Great Britain from the Union;
- (b) they are made from ingredients which either originate in Great Britain or have been introduced into Great Britain from the Union;
- (c) they are dispatched from establishments located in Great Britain and listed by the competent authority of the United Kingdom;
- (d) in the case of food, they are prepacked food for final consumers;
- (e) in the case of animal by-products, they are ready-to-sell pet food and dog chews;
- (f) they bear a label which states: "products for sale only in the United Kingdom";
- (g) they are intended for retail sale, dispatched by and delivered to establishments in Great Britain or Northern Ireland respectively, and listed by the competent authority of the United Kingdom;
- (h) they are presented at border control posts in Northern Ireland for official controls;
- (i) they are not intended for further processing;
- (j) they must not be moved to an EU Member State.
- Requirements in relation to establishments listed for the purpose of the dispatch and delivery of consignments of retail goods into Northern Ireland from Great Britain:
 - 1. The competent authority of the United Kingdom would:
 - (a) draw up and keep up-to-date lists of compliant establishments;
 - (b) make these lists available to the Commission and to the border control posts in Northern Ireland by a computerised information system.
 - 2. The competent authority of the United Kingdom would only include establishments if it guarantees that those establishments are subject to regular and effective official controls.
 - 3. Where the competent authority of the United Kingdom has reason to suspect serious or repeated infringements of these requirements it would remove establishments immediately from the lists.

• <u>Certification requirements:</u>

The original official certificates, or electronic equivalents which are required to accompany the consignments of retail goods, would be presented to, and kept by, the competent authorities of the border control posts in Northern Ireland.

• Monitoring requirement:

The competent authorities of the United Kingdom would monitor the movement of the retail goods, from the border control post of first arrival in Northern Ireland to the establishment of destination.

17. The safeguards could be implemented by providing for the following:

- An obligation for the Commission to monitor the application of the specific rules for reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements on the consignments of retail goods.
- Where there is evidence, such as a Union inspection report or an audit or a notification under IMSOC (information management system for official controls and its system components), that the competent authorities of the United Kingdom do not take appropriate measures to tackle serious or repeated infringements of the specific rules, or that the conditions laid down in the above paragraph are no longer fulfilled, the power for the Commission to adopt immediately applicable measures, which may include the following:
 - (a) removal from the lists of establishments in Great Britain and Northern Ireland which are authorised to dispatch or to receive such consignments, which benefit from the reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements;
 - (b) the limitation or suspension of the entry of certain consignments of retail goods where they are likely to increase the level of risk on the island of Ireland, the SPS status of the island of Ireland or affect the integrity of the EU's Internal Market;
 - (c) the suspension of the application of the reduced rates of official controls and simplified certification requirements.

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ANNEX 1

Draft model official certificate for the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of plants, other than plants for planting, plant products and other objects, composite products intended for human consumption, certain pet food and products of animal origin, other than fresh meat, minced meat and meat preparations, directly delivered to retailers in Northern Ireland

(Model Retail NI)

Place of origin: GREAT BRITAIN

Retail in Northern Ireland

nt	I.1. Consignor Name Address			I.2. Certificate reference	number	I.2.a	
Part I: Details of dispatched consignment							
				I.3. Central Competent Authority			
			I.4. Local Competent Authority				
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isp	Tel.			Tel.			
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	Documentary references:			I.17.			
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	I.19. Container/seal number:				I.24.		
	I.22. For entry into Northern Ireland						

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Pa	II. Healt	h attestation					
		I, the undersigned, take full responsibility in certifying that the	retail goods and their ingredients (2) descri	hed in Part I of this certificate:			
		comply with the relevant EU requirements as regards public he					
		rules and,					
		(1) [originate in Great Britain] and/or.					
		(1) [come from the European Union's Sanitary and Phytosanit	tary area (which includes EEA/EFTA Stat	es and Northern Ireland)]			
	Notes						
	Part I:						
		Box reference I.1: Indicate the name and identification number Box reference I.5: Indicate the name and identification number					
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	_	The description of the commodities (type of products, type of t		imber of establishments, number			
		of packages, net weight) is provided in the commercial docume	ents, in paper or electronic form				
	Part II:						
	(1)Keep a	s appropriate.					
	(2) Ingredient means any product of animal origin and/or animal by-product, subject to the animal health requirements and the rules referred to in						
	Article 1(2), points (d) and (e), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, which are used in the manufacture or preparation of the retail goods.						
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Place of origin: GREAT BRITAIN

Retail NI

II. Health information	II.a. Certificate	reference no	II.b.	
Competent Authority				
Name (in capital letters):		Qualification and title:		
Date:		Signature:		
Stamp:				

ANNEX 2

Draft model official certificate for entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of fresh meat obtained from meat imported into the United Kingdom from the European Union, minced meat and meat preparations directly delivered to retailers in Northern Ireland

(Model MM/MP Retail NI)

	Place of origin: GREAT BRITAIN				Official certificate for the entry into Northern Ireland of minced meat and meat preparations for retailers				
Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name			I.2. Certificate reference		I.2.a	s tor retailers		
	Address	Address				I.3. Central Competent Authority			
		I.4. Local Competent A	uthority						
	Tel.								
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	Road vehicle				I.17.				
	Identification:								
	Documentary references: 1.18 Transport conditions				I.21.				
	Chilled Frozen				1.21.				
	X10.0					1122			
	I.19. Container/seal number:				I.23.				
	I.20. Commodity certified for:								
	Human consumption □								
	I.22. For entry into Northern	Ireland [_]							
	1.24 Total number of packag	ges	1.25 Total quar	ntity		1.26 Total net weight/gross weight			
		I.27. Description of consignment Species (Scientific Name) Treatment type Approv							
	Species (Scientific Name)		Approval number of establishme		ents	Number of	Net weight		
			Abattoir	M	Ianufacturing plant	Cold store	packages		
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II. Health information	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.

This certificate must only be used for the entry into Northern Ireland from Great Britain of consignments to be delivered directly to retailers in Northern Ireland for the subsequent sale by them in Northern Ireland, of fresh meat obtained from meat imported into the United Kingdom from the European Union, minced meat and meat preparations that comply with the rules laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/... [SANTE/2021/11272], and that are prepacked, ready-to-sell and labelled for the end-consumer in Northern Ireland.

The fresh meat/minced meat/ meat preparations(1) contain(s) the following meat constituents and meet the criteria indicated below:

Species (A) Origin (B)

- (A) Insert the code for the relevant species of meat contained in the meat preparations where BOV = domestic bovine animals (including *Bison* and *Bubalus* species and their crossbreds); OVI = domestic sheep (*Ovis aries*) and goats (*Capra hircus*); EQU = domestic solipeds (*Equus caballus*, *Equus asinus* and their crossbreds); POR = domestic animals belonging to the Suidae, Tayassuidae, or Tapiridae families; RAB = domestic rabbits; PFG = domestic poultry and farmed feathered game; RUF = farmed non-domestic animals of the order Artiodactyla (excluding bovine animals (including *Bison* and *Bubalus* species and their cross-breeds), *Ovis aries*, *Capra hircus*, Suidae and Tayassuidae), and of the families Rhinocerotidae and Elephantidae; RUW = wild non-domestic animals of the order Artiodactyla (excluding bovine animals (including *Bison* and *Bubalus* species and their cross-breeds), *Ovis aries*, *Capra hircus*, Suidae and Tayassuidae), and of the families Rhinocerotidae and Elephantidae; EQW = wild non-domestic solipeds belonging to the subgenus *Hippotigris* (Zebra), WLP = wild lagomorphs; WGB = wild game birds.
- (B) Insert the ISO code of the country of origin and, in the case of regionalisation by European Union legislation for the relevant meat constituents, the region.

II.1. Health attestation

I, the undersigned, take full responsibility in certifying that the fresh meat/minced meat/meat preparation($s^{\chi 11}$) and their meat constituents described above

- (1) [originate in Great Britain and consist of meat derived from the species referred to in Part I, box reference I.27, that is eligible for entry into the European Union as fresh meat and complies with the relevant animal health and public health conditions laid down in:
 - Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;
 - Regulations (EC) Nos 178/2002, 852/2004, 853/2004, 2073/2005 and (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and any Commission Delegated and Implementing Regulations adopted pursuant to them;
 - if derived from ruminants, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council
 - if derived from porcine animals, solipeds and other species susceptible to *Trichinella* infection, Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No 2015/1375,]

and/or (1) [come from the European Union's Sanitary and Phytosanitary area (which includes EEA/EFTA states and Northern Ireland)(2)]

$(^1)$ [II.2. Animal welfare attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the minced meat/meat preparations (¹) described in Part I of this certificate are derived from meat from animals which have been treated in the slaughterhouse before and at the time of slaughter or killing in accordance with the relevant rules laid down in European Union legislation and have met requirements at least equivalent to those laid down in Chapters II and III of Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009.]

Place of origin: GREAT BRITAIN

MM/MP Retail NI

II. Health information		II.a. Certificate reference no	II.b.			
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Notes						
Part I:						
	Box reference I.1: Indicate the name and identification number of the listed establishment Box reference I.5: Indicate the name and identification number of the listed [] establishment					
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_	Box reference I.24: Indicate total gross weight and total					
	Box reference 1.18: Frozen corresponds to an internal temperature of not more than — 18°C. Box reference 1.19: For containers or boxes, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) must be included. Box reference 1.27: "Species": select among species described in Part II (A);					
	"Treatment type": storage life (dd/mm/yyyy);					
	"Cold store": give the address(es)) and approval number(s) of approved cold stores	s if necessary.			
Part II: (1) —	Keep as appropriate. The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate.					
post of en	— Note for the importer: This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border control post of entry into Northern Ireland.					
Official Veterinarian						
Name (in capital letters):		Qualification and title:				
Date:		Signature:				
Stamp:	Stamp:					