Subject: “Health Certificates”

From time to time IFIA members are asked to issue health certificates for certain consignments. There is no universally agreed definition of what constitutes a health certificate.

If health certificates are requested for products of animal origin, then a sanitary or veterinary certificate should be obtained from the official authorities of the exporting country. The IFIA member company may then transcribe the contents of such sanitary or veterinary certificate to a certificate issued by the IFIA member, confirming that such official certificate has been issued, but without responsibility for the contents thereof.

In cases where the health certificate is requested for products of plant origin, processed or not, such a health certificate should only be issued if the product is analysed and found to be fit for human or animal consumption in accordance with the requirements referred to in the relevant IFIA ‘Fit for Human (or Animal) Consumption’ bulletin.