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POAO/Germinal Products EHCs Animal Health Regulation Certifiers



Update – AHR

- EU making changes to its animal health laws - Export Health Certificates (EHCs) and Notes for Guidance used to move goods to Northern Ireland or export to the EU are being updated
- EHCs for composite products changed in April - a small number of new EHCs were introduced at that time
- 40 EHCs on Form Finder from 30 June so you can familiarise yourself with them
- Further EHCs will be available from 29 July 2021
- [Briefing note](#) on Vet Gateway with the most significant changes to the new EHCs
- For more detailed information see Notes for Guidance for the relevant EHC

Timings - EHCs

- The new EHCs will need to be used for all goods exported to the EU from 21 August
- The existing EHCs will be switched off on 20 August - so long as they are signed before 11.59 pm on August 20, current EHCs may be used until 20 October 2021 for goods in transit to the EU
- Products exported on the new EHCs from 21 August may require changes to Support Health Attestations earlier than August 21, so they reflect conditions of the new EHCs

POAO/Germinal Products – new EHCs

- Bovine, Ovine and Porcine meat – new EHCs [8368](#), [8369](#), [8370](#)
- Meat Products, treated bladders and intestines, rendered fats and greaves – new EHCs [8383](#), [8384](#), [8385](#)
- Poultry meat – new EHC [8371](#)
- Eggs – new EHCs [8359](#), [8360](#)
- Dairy - new EHC [8354](#) replaces both 8285 & 8284
- Germinal products – new EHCs [8401](#), [8402](#), [8403](#), [8404](#), [8405](#), [8406](#), [8407](#), [8408](#)
- Further information in [briefing note on Vet Gateway](#)

Main changes – POAO

Bovine, Ovine and Porcine meat

- Meat must be strictly segregated from fresh meat not compliant with AHR until it is packaged or dispatched to the EU - as set out in attestation
- Cattle, sheep, goats and pigs must not come into contact with animals of a lower health status during their slaughter - as set out in attestation

Meat Products, treated bladders and intestines, rendered fats and greaves

- The new EHC prohibits the re-export of EU origin meat products (e.g. chorizo produced in Spain or Parma ham produced in Italy) to the EU
- We note concerns from traders and will provide more detail on this soon

Main changes – POAO

Dairy products

- [8354](#) replaces both 8285 & 8284 – dairy products from a category B country and dairy products from a category C country
- The new certificate is for dairy products that are required to undergo a pasteurisation process for entry, i.e milk sourced from a holding that is not officially free of TB or Brucellosis
- For dairy products that have undergone a higher-level treatment (e.g UHT) by choice and are currently moved on EHC 8284 – now use the new 8354 certificate.

Main changes – germinal products

- Requirement for livestock donor animals, except equines, to be identified with an ISO compliant (alpha) country code
- This applies to germinal products collected after 20 April 2021
- GB code – additional tagging required
- Germinal products collected after 20 April 2021 must meet all the requirements of an approved establishment including being identified with GB ID
- Any germinal products that do not comply with these requirements may only be used for domestic trade
- Exporters may wish to export non-compliant germinal products by 21 August 2021 and make use of the transitional provisions by using the old certificates

Main changes – germinal products

- There is a requirement for straws or other packages containing germinal product to identify the species donor animal in the marking
- We recommend establishments include species reference on the marking of straws or other packages in any format that is suitable
- Existing establishments will need to comply with AHR export requirements
- EU automatically rolled over approved establishment lists from 21 April 2021 on their website however APHA writing to germinal product establishments shortly, seeking confirmation of their compliance with the new requirements

Useful Links

Description	Useful Link
Traders mailbox	traders@defra.gov.uk
GOV.UK Form Finder	www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates
Vet Gateway – OVs	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/official-vets/index.htm
Briefing note update on new EHCs – OVs	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/ov/Briefing-Note-2921.pdf
AHR composite products Briefing note	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/ov/Briefing-Note-1021.pdf
Composite Products decision tree	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/external-operations-admin/library/documents/exports/ET207.pdf