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## APHA Briefing Note 48/24

# Export of dairy products for human consumption to the European Union

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### Purpose

To advise certifying Official Veterinarians in Great Britain of updated guidance on the certification of dairy products for human consumption to the European Union.

### Background

There have been recent non-compliances identified for dairy products for human consumption intended for export to the European Union. Following this, further instructions and guidance have been included in the notes for guidance (NFG) for 8467EHC and 8468EHC to clarify checks that must be performed by the certifying OVs to mitigate the risk of export of non-compliant products to the European Union.

Please note: Where applicable, this is without prejudice to requirements for certification set out in Defra/APHA guidance on the Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (ET193) and Remote Export Certification for low-risk products (ET245).

The guidance includes:

1. The OV must ensure the product was produced at an approved food establishment, which indicates that it complies with the requirements of assimilated EU legislation.
2. The OV is advised to make regular contact with the local authority with enforcement responsibilities at establishments producing dairy products to verify compliance with relevant aspects of EU legislation and to be confident that the public health assurances can continue to be certified.

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3. The OV must be familiar with the manufacturing process and premises producing the dairy products. The OV must regularly visit the premises and see any relevant records, e.g. HACCP/pasteurisation records. OVs are advised to record evidence of such visits. If the OV is not personally familiar with the manufacturing process and premises, they should obtain relevant and reliable supportive evidence, to enable certification.
4. The OV must confirm compliance and application of the ID mark on the packaging of the dairy product.
5. The OV must verify dairy product traceability, including source and origin. Please note that consignments of dairy products that have been rejected by the EU due to a food safety concern (e.g. failed temperature check or with presence of undesired mould) cannot be re-exported to the EU.
6. The OV must physically check the consignment prior to export. The OV should use their professional judgement to determine the level and extent of inspection of the product required.

## Action

Please review and action the guidance for 8467EHC and 8468EHC available on EHC form finder, as applicable.

## Further Information

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