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Certifying Export Health Certificates 8311EHC and 8312 EHC – Great Britain to Northern Ireland, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Hungary, Spain, and Portugal.

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Changes from the previous edition are highlighted in yellow.

Purpose

To provide information to Official Veterinarians (OVs) on the arrangements in relation to the 40-day pre-slaughter residency requirement in the certificates for trade from Great Britain to Northern Ireland and for exports from Great Britain to Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland and Italy for Export of animal by-products for the manufacture of pet food (8311EHC) and for purposes outside the feed chain or for trade samples (8312EHC).

N.B. This note will be updated if the arrangement is extended to any other EU Member State and/or when the amended Regulation comes into force.

Updated Export Health Certificates 8311 and 8312 were published on 13 December, reflecting changes adopted by the European Union. The updated EHCs provide an alternative to the 40-days pre-slaughter residency requirement for the livestock from which the animal by-products subject to these EHCs originate.

The rest of this Briefing Note is therefore no longer applicable.

EU legislation provides for a transition period so that consignments accompanied by a EHC of the previous model signed by an official veterinarian (before 13 December) will be accepted.

Background

1. The European Commission confirmed on 21st June 2021 that draft Commission Implementing Regulation (Doc. SANTE/10468R1/2021 and its Annex) had obtained a favourable opinion by the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on

Wednesday, 16 June 2021. This draft legal text concerns changes including the amendment of certain animal health certificates for imports of animal by-products as regards 40-days pre-slaughter residency period.

2. Model health certificates 8311EHC (Export of animal by-products for the manufacture of pet food intended for dispatch to or for transit through the European Union or Northern Ireland from Great Britain) and 8312 EHC (Export of animal by-products for purposes outside the feed chain or for trade samples intended for dispatch to or for transit through the European Union or Northern Ireland from Great Britain) contain, among others, a requirement that the animals from which animal by-products are derived must have stayed in a single holding for 40 days before slaughter.
3. The draft legislation amends model health certificates 8311EHC and 8312 EHC to align with fresh meat imports whereby third countries that are free of foot-and-mouth-disease (FMD) without practising vaccination are authorised for imports into the Union and transit through the Union of consignments of fresh meat without a 40-day residency period in a single holding before slaughter, provided that they comply with all other animal health requirements.
4. The European Commission has indicated that the change to the 40-day residency requirement could be implemented on a bilateral basis ahead of publication of the legislation in the European Official Journal.
5. Great Britain and Northern Ireland administrations have agreed to implement the change to the 40-day requirement from 21 July 2021.
6. The UK Government has agreed with the French Government to implement the change to the 40-day requirement from 10 August 2021, and with the Irish Government to implement it from 16 August 2021. The change will also apply to exports from GB to Belgium, Denmark and Finland from 25 August 2021. From 26th August 2021 the change also applies to exports from GB to Hungary. From 27th August 2021 the change also applies to exports from GB to Spain and Portugal. The change applies to exports from GB to Italy from 8th October 2021.

Completing 8311EHC and 8312 EHC for trade from Great Britain to Northern Ireland from 21 July 2021, exports to France from 10 August 2021, exports to Ireland from 16 August 2021, exports to Belgium, Denmark and Finland from 25 August 2021, exports to Hungary from 26th August 2021, exports to Spain and Portugal from 27th August 2021 and exports to Italy from 8th October 2021.

7. OV's completing certificates 8311EHC or 8312EHC for animal by-products moved from Great Britain to Northern Ireland or exported from Great Britain to Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland or Italy have to complete the current model certificates and cross-out the 40-d residency requirement in Part II –

paragraph II.1.3(b)(ii) in certificate 8311EHC or paragraph II.1.2(b)(ii) in certificate 8312EHC.

8. Any queries relating to these procedures should be sent to: exports@apha.gov.uk