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Guidance updates for certification of poultry and poultry products exports to the EU and movement to Northern Ireland.

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Purpose

To provide information to Official Veterinarians (OVs) on the current requirements in relation to the correct regionalisation codes for the certification of poultry and certain poultry products for export to the EU and movements to Northern Ireland.

Background

The EU regionalised GB into a number of different zones in response to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) earlier this year. This regionalisation applied to exports of live poultry and certain poultry products. Restrictions were applied to “GB-2” regions, as outlined in Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/404.

Each GB-2 zone applied for a specified time period. With the closing dates now passed for all of these restricted outbreak regions, there is a requirement for clarity on which regionalisation code OVs should use.

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For products or commodities where regionalisation previously applied (i.e. a GB-1 code was used on the EHC) OVs should continue to certify GB-1. GB-0 should only be used for products where regionalisation was never applied.

This will remain the case unless we are re-listed by the EU as GB-0 for the relevant commodities.

GB-0 should be used for:

- Captive birds and hatching eggs of captive birds
- Poultry casings
- Eggs and egg products
- Specified pathogen free eggs

GB-1 should be used for:

- Live poultry, day old chicks and hatching eggs
- Fresh meat of poultry, ratites and game birds
- Meat products from poultry, ratites and game birds
- Meat preparations of poultry, ratites and game birds
- Composites containing poultry meat products

The exception to this will be for certain products produced prior to the GB-2 regions expiring, where GB-2 will still be relevant depending on the precise wording of the certificate. For example, poultry meat slaughtered during the period of regionalisation, originating in GB-2 zone that was frozen must still be considered to be of GB-2 origin and therefore could not be certified for export.