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Animal Health Regulation EHCs

Narrative – certifiers

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- This narrative accompanies the Animal Health Regulation (AHR) Export Health Certificates (EHCs) webinar for POAO and germinal products
- The narrative should be used alongside the [briefing note](#) on the new EHCs on Vet Gateway
- Please note that information on the new AHR EHCs will be updated over the following months and we will be issuing updated guidance and information which will be available on Vet Gateway

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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 on 29 July 2021
 - Briefing notes on Vet Gateway about the most significant changes to the new EHCs
 - For more detailed information see Notes for Guidance for the relevant EHC
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- The EU is making changes to its animal health laws, therefore Export Health Certificates and the Notes for Guidance used to move goods to Northern Ireland or export to the EU need to be updated.
 - EHCs for composite products changed in April, and a small number of new EHCs were introduced at that time as well.
 - The remaining new EHCs for all products of animal origin, live animals and germinal products will need to be used from 21 August.
 - 40 EHCs were made available on Form Finder from 30 June so traders can familiarise themselves with them.
 - Further EHCs will be available on 29 July 2021.
 - We published a [briefing note](#) for OVAs on vet gateway on the most significant changes to the new EHCs
 - For more detailed information please see the 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
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- Traders can start to use the new EHCs once they are available on EHC Online.
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 - Products exported on the new EHCs from 21 August may require changes to be made to Support Health Attestations (SHA) earlier than August 21, so they reflect conditions of the new EHCs.

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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](#)
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- This slide shows the main new EHCs for POAO and germinal products
 - There is more information on this in the [briefing note](#) on Vet Gateway

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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
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- For bovine, ovine and porcine meat - meat must be strictly segregated from fresh meat not compliant with the AHR until it is packaged or dispatched to the EU as set out in the 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 the attestation
 - For meat products, treated bladders and intestines, rendered fats and greaves - the new EHC prohibits the re-export of EU origin meat products to the EU so for example chorizo produced in Spain or Parma ham produced in Italy
 - We note the concerns raised by traders about the new EHCs for dairy, fish and eggs/egg products with regards to the re-export of EU origin products and will provide more detail on this as soon as possible

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

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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
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- There is a 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 animals are identified with a 'UK' code by default but for ISO compliance would need to be identified with the code 'GB'. Additional tagging of donor animals may therefore be required
 - The ID requirement applies to all donor animals that germinal products are collected from - including those from which embryos are collected - and not all animals in the unit - i.e. non-working animals
 - Requirements for ISO code compliance applies to donor animals as referred to in the Regulation
 - Germinal products collected after 20 April 2021 must meet all the requirements of an approved establishment including being identified with a 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 21st August and make use of the transitional provisions by using the old certificates in the EU Directives

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
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- 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 the species reference on the marking of straws or other packages in any format that is suitable, for example POR for porcine, OVI for ovine, BOV for bovine, CAP for caprine
 - The exporter can choose how to do it subject to the over-arching aim to make the information clear
 - Existing establishments will need to comply with AHR export requirements. Establishments must check they comply with relevant requirements in the AHR
 - The Commission has automatically rolled over approved establishment lists from 21 April 2021 on the EU website however APHA will be writing to germinal product establishments shortly, seeking confirmation of their compliance with the new requirements

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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

- This slide includes useful links that will help when certifying the new EHCs
- It also includes the [trader mailbox email](mailto:traders@defra.gov.uk) for questions about the Animal Health Regulation and the new EHCs

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