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APHA Briefing Note 41/24

Export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China using Export Health Certificate 7006GB – changes to the pre-notification requirement

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Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) located in England, Scotland and Wales that the General Administration of Customs China (GACC) have changed their pre-notification system for the Export of Pig Meat from Great Britain using [Export Health Certificate \(EHC\) 7006GB](#) to the People's Republic of China, with changes to be implemented on 1 December 2024 at 00:00 (China Time (GMT +8)).

Background

2. In order to further improve the efficiency of customs clearance and ensure the safety of meat products, GACC has strengthened the construction of Smart Customs, recently launching an Electronic Information Verification System for Veterinary Health Certificates for Exports of Meat Products to China - eCert. eCert carries out the registration, transmission, modification, management and verification of the electronic information of health certificates for the export of meat products to China.
3. Certifying OVs will still be required to complete and submit a spreadsheet with details of all 7006EHCs they certified the previous week, by 12 noon each Monday. Spreadsheets must be submitted to CITC by email who will then send the spreadsheets to GACC in preparation for the consignments to arrive.
4. To enable the use of eCert after 1 December 2024, GACC will still require certifying OVs in Cold Stores to submit details on a spreadsheet, but the information required in the new spreadsheet will differ.

Action

5. Following the change to eCert, OV's will have to submit export consignment details to CITC via a different spreadsheet (copy attached). China approved Cold Store OV's are required to familiarise themselves with the new spreadsheet. OV's will need to provide further information on GACC's new spreadsheet and thus must ensure they have this information available.
6. The additional information consists of the animal species, batch number, cutting plant number (if applicable) and cold store number. Additionally, the slaughterhouse and processing plant numbers have been separated into different columns whereas these were previously in the same column.
7. The new spreadsheet also contains an additional column for the original EHC number to be added, if the EHC that is being recorded is a Cancel and Replacement.
8. OV's at Cold Stores should ensure they submit the new spreadsheet for all 7006EHCs certified from 25 November 2024 onwards.
9. OV's are also required to complete the new spreadsheet for any 'Resend' requests made after 16:00 on Thursday 28 November 2024 because China will no longer accept the electronic information provided by the designated mailbox after this time.
10. Should the old spreadsheet be submitted, or if information is missing, then CITC will not be able to inform GACC of the export in a timely manner, thus leading to issues for the export. If the wrong spreadsheet is submitted, OV's will be asked to complete and submit the new spreadsheet and CITC will take no further action until the new spreadsheet is received. All spreadsheets should be attached to emails and sent to: processingteam@apha.gov.uk

Further Information

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