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Notification of amendments to EU certificates regarding prohibition of antimicrobial medicinal products in Implementing Regulation 2024/2020

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Purpose

To notify certifiers of the addition of a new attestation on antimicrobial medicinal products in three fish Products of Animal Origin (POAO) certificates for export to the EU or movement to Northern Ireland and to advise on the transitional period following their introduction.

Background

The European Commission published Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2024/2020](#) of 26 July 2024 amending and correcting Annex III to Implementing Regulation (EU) [2020/2235](#), this in turn affects three fish POAO EHCs.

Consequently, new certificates will be published on EHC Online (EHCO) on **30 January 2025**, including an attestation on antimicrobial medicinal products. This new attestation must be **crossed out or deleted until 3 September 2026**, as per Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2020.

For a transitional period until **30 April 2025**, consignments of POAO accompanied by the old version of the EHC shall continue to be authorised for entry to the EU or NI provided that the certificate was signed no later than **30 January 2025**.

Annex I shows the list of EHCs affected by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2020.

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Action

- From **30 January 2025**, traders can apply on EHCO for the new POAO EHCs for export from GB to the EU or movement to Northern Ireland.
- The old certificates will continue to be valid for a transitional period until **30 April 2025** providing that the certificate was signed no later than **30 January 2025**.
- Any old certificates not signed on or before 30 January 2025 will need to be cancelled in EHCO.
- **Until 3 September 2026, the attestation on antimicrobial medicine products in the new EHCs must be crossed out or deleted, as per Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2024/2020](#).**

Further Information

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Annex I

List of amended EHCs:

EU-FISH	Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of fishery products intended for human consumption caught by vessels flying the flag of a Member State and transferred in third countries with or without storage	8362
FISH/MOL-CAP	Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of fishery products or fishery products derived from bivalve molluscs intended for human consumption entering the Union directly from a reefer, freezer or factory vessel flying the flag of a third country as provided for in Article 11(3) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625	8363
MOL-HC	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates, marine gastropods and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption	8364

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