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Amendments to Trichinella Attestation Options in EU EHCs

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Purpose

To inform OVAs that the Commission has agreed to amend the Trichinella attestation options in EHCs POR (GB 8370), SUI-MSM (GB 8382), MP-PREP (GB 8383), MPNT (GB 8384) and MPST (GB 8385). The Commission aims to update and publish the revised certificates in April 2025.

Background

Defra wrote to the Commission regarding the Trichinella attestation options in POR (GB 8370). There are three options.

First option - should be certified if the carcasses of the pigs have been subjected to an examination by a digestion method for Trichinella as required in Annex I (testing) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 with negative results.

Second option - should be certified if the carcasses or the meat was subjected to a cold treatment (freezing) as required by Annex II (cold treatment) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375.

Third option - may only be certified if the meat was produced from domestic pigs: Either originating in a holding officially recognised as applying Controlled Housing Conditions (CHC) Or if the meat was produced from domestic pigs un-weaned and under the age of 5 weeks

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Presently, the 'either/or' options given on the EHC mean that only one treatment can be submitted on a single certificate. Defra has suggested that all three treatment options under II.1. 3 provide an appropriate level of protection and there is not a risk in permitting the certification of multiple options for a single consignment. The Commission concurs with this suggestion and has agreed to amend the relevant model certificates listed above.

Action

No immediate action is required from OVs. Once the Commission updates the model certificates, Defra and APHA will update the affected EHCs on EHCO, and a further update will be sent to OVs.

Further Information

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