



Animal &  
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## APHA Briefing Note 23/25

# Changes to the disease clearance process for certain Export Health Certificates following introduction of DAERA's interactive AI map

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### Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OV) in Great Britain that Avian Influenza (AI) clearances for certain poultry related Export Health Certificates (EHC) for consignments of Northern Ireland (NI) origin can be obtained from the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Northern Ireland's interactive AI map. This is in addition to GB clearances obtained from APHA's interactive AI map.
2. This process will be implemented from Monday 16 June 2025.

### Background

3. APHA Briefing Notes [55/21](#) and [38/20](#) explained that OVs would be able to obtain their own disease clearance for certain EHCs for trade to the EU and NI.
4. DAERA confirmed their first case of AI in February 2025, since which time APHA have been continuing to provide notifiable disease clearance for any flocks/premises of NI origin using a notifiable disease clearance (618NDC) document.
5. DAERA have now produced an interactive AI map that will enable OVs to obtain their own notifiable disease clearance for certain EHCs where the export consignment contains day-old chicks, hatching eggs, poultry meat and poultry meat products from flocks/premises of NI origin.
6. From 16 June 2025, for EHCs listed in Appendix A below, OVs will obtain their own notifiable disease clearance from:

- [APHA's interactive AI map](#) for flocks/premises of origin in GB
  - [DAERA's interactive AI map](#) for flocks/premises of origin in NI.
7. From 16 June 2025, for EHCs listed in Appendix B below, OV's will obtain notifiable disease clearance as follows:
- for flocks/premises of GB origin, APHA will continue to provide a 618NDC which will be issued and attached to the case on EHC Online. The 618NDC will only be provided for flocks/premises of GB origin
  - for flocks/premises of NI origin , notifiable disease clearance can be obtained using the new [DAERA interactive AI map](#).
8. Notes for Guidance, which are available on [EHC Form Finder](#) for each affected EHC listed in the Appendices below, have been amended to provide guidance on the disease clearance procedure for that EHC.

## Further Information

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## Appendix A

- 8314EHC - Rendered fats not for human consumption to be used as feed material to, or transit through, the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8350EHC - Composite food products intended for human consumption to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8351EHC - Composite food products intended for human consumption for transit through, or storage in the European Union or Northern Ireland
- 8371EHC - Fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of poultry to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8372EHC - Wild game-bird meat to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8377EHC - Meat (excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat) of ratites for human consumption to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8383EHC - Meat preparations intended for human consumption to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8384EHC - Meat products intended for human consumption, including rendered animal fats and greaves, meat extracts and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines (other than casings), that are not required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8385EHC - Meat products intended for human consumption, including rendered animal fats and greaves, meat extracts and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines (other than casings), required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8397EHC - Raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen intended for human consumption to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8435EHC - Day-old chicks other than of ratites to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8436EHC - Hatching eggs of poultry to or transit through the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8437EHC - Breeding or production poultry other than ratites to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8438EHC - Breeding or productive ratites to the European Union and Northern Ireland

- 8439EHC - Day-old chicks of ratites to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8440EHC - Hatching eggs of ratites to, or transit through, the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8441EHC - Specified pathogen free (SPF) eggs to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8442EHC - Slaughter poultry other than ratites to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8443EHC - Ratites for slaughter to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8444EHC - Consignments of fewer than 20 units of poultry or day-old chicks other than ratites to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8445EHC - Consignments of fewer than 20 hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8453EHC - Ratites for slaughter to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8460EHC - Captive birds, other than racing pigeons immediately released after entry to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8465EHC - Racing pigeons immediately released after entry to the European Union and Northern Ireland

## Appendix B

- 8306EHC - Raw pet food for direct sale or animal by-products to be fed to fur animals to, or transit through, the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8308EHC - Untreated blood products for the manufacture of derived products for purposes outside the feed chain for farmed animals to, or transit through, the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8311EHC - Animal by-products for the manufacture of pet food to, or transit through, the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8312EHC - Animal by-products for purposes outside the feed chain or for trade samples to, or transit through, the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8330EHC - Game trophies or other preparations of birds and ungulates to the European Union and Northern Ireland
- 8417EHC - Semen, oocytes and embryos of terrestrial animals kept at confined establishments to the European Union and Northern Ireland