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Export of Animals and POAO from Great Britain to European Union

**Useful Information to help you prepare
for the changes**

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3rd Country Listing

The EU's Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCoPAFF) met on Monday 14 December to discuss third country listing; Defra staff are working with committee members on detailed queries. Third country listing is therefore still to be confirmed but we will publish details as soon as it is announced.

Export Health Certificates (EHC)

EHC Online - Have you registered yet?

Being registered is an important action that you must take in order to be able to apply for Export Health Certificates needed for exports from Great Britain to the EU from 1 January 2021.

What do I need to do now?

- Check if your organisation/business is registered to use EHC Online.
- You should also check with the certifier that your business intends to use, that they are registered for EHC Online – if they are not, they will not be able to certify your consignments.

Please note:

- The process for registering and accessing the system is **different for export businesses and certifiers** – make sure you follow the correct process for your organisation type
- It is important that organisations are **not registered more than once**, so please ensure that you check that your business is not already registered before following the registration process

How do I register for EHC Online?

In order to access government digital services and use EHC Online you need a Government Gateway account. It is quick and simple to create an account and we recommend that you have one Government Gateway account for all Defra services you may need (i.e. Imports, Exports, Chemicals). You should register once then add any additional Defra services you need by signing into your account and clicking 'register for more services' via the manage account page.

If your business doesn't already have a Government Gateway account for Defra services you can register via this [link](#). Please **do not** use this link if you are an OV or

Local Authority Certifying Officer as it is for exporters only – guidance for certifiers can be found [here](#).

Remember to use an email address to which you have full access, as your login details will be sent to that address when you register.

To help you further in-depth guidance for exporters can be found on the gov.uk website here: [How to register for export health certificate \(EHC\) online](#)

Getting help and support

If you need help registering for EHC Online or have any operational and technical queries relating to an EHC application, please call the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) on 03000 200 301.

Please ensure that your business is registered for EHC Online so that you can apply for EHCs. You should also speak to your certifier to ensure that they are registered to use EHC Online too. If they are not registered, you will not be able to submit your EHC applications to APHA.

Certifying EU EHCs

Exporters may now apply for the EU Export Health Certificates in draft form via the EHC Online service, in order to be prepared for the changes on 1 January: these EHCs should not be certified until after the transition period has ended; and one of the conditions of signature is that the exporting country is recognised by the EU as a third country.

If you choose to have these EHCs certified before 1 January, it is your responsibility to ensure the signed certificate, and the commodities covered by that certificate, will be accepted by the BCP of entry into the EU.

Changes to some current EHCs for exports to and transit through the EU and Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

As we will no longer be an EU member state, from 1 January 2021 a number of current EHCs used for exports to and transit through the EU and Eurasian Economic Union will be replaced by new EHCs. These new forms are available on Defra's [Form Finder](#) gov.uk page, along with their notes for guidance. You should check Form Finder by destination country or commodity type on 1 January to ensure you are clear on which EHC to use. If you cannot find the EHC you need on Form Finder, please contact APHA on 03000 200 301. It is your responsibility to ensure you are using the correct EHC for your export.

EHCs – no longer on TRACES

There are a number of EHCs used for exporting goods to non-EU countries that today are applied for via the EU's TRACES system. From 1 January, the process for

applying for these EHCs will change and you will need to use Defra's [Form Finder](#) gov.uk page to identify the correct EHC and apply via [EHC Online](#) instead of using TRACES.

Some EHCs are currently being negotiated and therefore may not be available on 1 January. You should check Form Finder by destination country or commodity type on 1 January to ensure you are clear on which EHC to use. If you cannot find the EHC you need on Form Finder, please contact APHA on 03000 200 301. It is your responsibility to ensure you are using the correct EHC for your export.

EHC Leaflet



EHC Leaflet.pdf

Prohibitions & Restrictions

Guidance was updated on Monday 14 December to reflect the latest information on prohibited and restricted exports at the end of the Transition Period:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-composite-food-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-groups-of-products-of-animal-origin-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

Group Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS)

The Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS) is a membership scheme for exporters of certain products of animal origin with stable supply chains, which are packaged for sale to the final consumer. GEFS does not fundamentally alter the process of export health certification but enables scheme members to make use of time-limited Support Attestations to facilitate certification of their groupage exports to or for transit through, the EU, or movement into Northern Ireland where export health certificates are required.

For further information about GEFS see guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-groups-of-products-of-animal-origin-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

Questions about GEFS message: GEFS@defra.gov.uk

Marketing Standards

All Marketing Standards commodities have now received Third Country Listing from the EU, which means that they can be moved to EU and NI from 1 January 2021; the Organic Control Bodies have also been recognised. There will be further updates to the Marketing Standards Gov.uk pages which will detail, new certification processes for exports of hops and poultry meat moving to EU and NI. Upon conclusion of UK/EU negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), a further update will be made in relation to movements of wine. For movements to NI, further information will be made available on our GB – NI Traders Showcase site. Please see link below:

<https://shwca.se/MovingGoodsGBtoNI>

Trader Showcase

Defra has created a repository site of key information and documents — known as our [Showcase](#) site.

Whilst this site was created to accommodate GB – NI key information, it also contains GB – EU webinars and FAQs V8.0 (Update 16.12.2020).

Downloadable assets and information available on the Showcase site:

- Trader webinars describing the steps needed to move goods from GB to NI
- Export Health Certificates (EHCs)
- GB - NI process maps
- Schemes to support traders
- Marketing standards
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Links to relevant guidance pages on GOV.UK
- GB to EU webinars and FAQs V8.0
- GB to EU OV/FCCO webinars, FAQ's and Process Maps

Please use the following link to access the site:

<https://shwca.se/MovingGoodsGBtoNI>

This site is updated as and when new information becomes available therefore, please visit this site regularly to ensure you have the latest information.

Logistics Hubs

Guidance and information on Logistics hubs can be found using the links below along with templates for Support Health Attestations (SHA) for Fish and POAP.

- [Guidance on Logistics hubs](#)
- [SHA template for Fish, part of document on Logistics hub \(ET197\)](#)
- [SHA template for POAO \(ET199\)](#)

Use of SHAs is not mandatory. They can help exporters collate the technical information that the certifier needs to certify an EHC. Links to templates provided are for guidance and can be adapted to provide industry with maximum flexibility. The use, implementation and information provided in the SHA is dependent on the relationship between certifying officer / official vet (OV) the certifying officer, and vets on site.

Ultimately it is up to industry and OVs to set up efficient processes to demonstrate audit trail and consistency in certifying process. It is equally important to ensure the system works if your regular OV is not available.

Also attached are some model SHAs developed in discussions held between FSA and industry representatives for POAO products related to sheep, goats, pork and beef. Use of these documents is not mandatory and they can be adapted to provide industry with maximum flexibility.



SHA beef EHC 8261
(v1).pdf



SHA pork EHC 8260
(v1).pdf



SHA sheep and
goats EHC 6282 (v2).

Useful links

- [Register](#) for an EHC Online account
- Use information on the APHA [Vet Gateway](#) to support the certification of an EHC, including information on UK disease status contained within the ET171 disease status document
- [Find the EHC you need](#)
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-export-health-certificate>.
- [Centre for International Trade Carlisle \(CITC\)](#)
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin-from-1-january-2021>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-animal-products-fish-and-fishery-products-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal>
- https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/bips_guidance_transit_transshipment.pdf

- https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/vet-border-control/bip-contacts_en
- <https://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates/export-composite-food-products-intended-for-human-consumption-to-the-european-union-certificate-8281>
- There is a [decision tree](#) on Gov.UK that helps you determine the code of the commodity.
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/find-a-professional-to-certify-export-health-certificates>.
- http://apha.defra.gov.uk/External_OV_Instructions/Export_Instructions/Certification_Procedures/index.htm
- <http://apha.defra.gov.uk/external-operations-admin/library/documents/exports/ET193.pdf>
- <https://www.gov.uk/eori>
- <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/guidance-on-health-and-identification-marks-that-applies-from-1-january-2021>
- www.gov.uk/being-a-goods-vehicle-operator/types-of-licence#standard-international
- www.gov.uk/guidance/customs-declarations-for-goods-taken-out-of-the-eu
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lists-of-recognised-animal-breeding-organisations/guide-to-zootechnical-rules-and-standards#registering-uk-animals-into-eu-herd-or-flock-books-before-1-january-2021>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exports-horse-and-ponies-from-1-january-2021>
- <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/approved-food-establishment>
- Find out more detail on how to [export](#) and [import](#) wild-caught marine fish and fishery product for human consumption from 1 January 2021



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