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Clarifying Information – Imports of Animal Products

Import Information Note (IIN) GEN/4

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Introduction

This Import Information Note (IIN) sets out clarifications relating to the certification of animal products for imports of medium risk animal products from EU/EFTA countries. It should be read in conjunction with **the general import information note for POAO for human consumption** ([IIN GEN/2](#)) and **the general import notification note for ABP not for human consumption** ([IIN GEN/3](#)), as well as any [specific import information note for the particular product/health certificate referenced below](#).

This note does not set out general import requirements for animal products imported into Great Britain. The purpose of the note is to provide clarification on specific issues raised by trading partners in relation to the completion of health certificates. The contents of the note will be updated over time, and changes highlighted.

The responsibility to obtain a GB health certificate is that of the exporter in the country of dispatch of the goods. Certification is the responsibility of a certifying officer in that country.

Unless otherwise specified, this guidance applies solely to health certificates for goods imported into Great Britain from EU/EFTA countries.

Clarifications

[ALL GB Health Certificates](#)

Border Control Post of Entry (usually I.16)

All GB model health certificates for animal products contain a field requiring the Border Control Post of Entry to be entered. This is usually in field I.16 of Part I of the certificate.

The requirement for all EU/EFTA origin animal products to enter GB at a point of entry with a suitably designated Border Control Post will commence on 30 April 2024 (aside from EU and non-qualifying goods from the island of Ireland). This will apply to all animal products, regardless of risk category.

Clarification – In line with the above, prior to 30 April 2024 it is acceptable to certify the 'BCP of Entry' field in GB health certificates for animal products as 'N/A' or strike it through.

[GBHC300 BOV: Bovine fresh meat or minced meat](#)

Place of Loading Approval I.13

Box I.13 in Part I asks for an approval number for the 'Place of Loading'. This is separate to the approval number required in I.11 for the 'Place of Origin'. Whilst the Place of Origin of the product will always be an approved establishment, this might not always be the case

for the Place of Loading. For example, when the Place of Loading is certified as the place where a road vehicle is embarking on the ferry for movement to GB.

Clarification – It is acceptable to certify the ‘Approval Number’ field in I.13 as ‘N/A’ if the Place of Loading is not an approved establishment.

GBHC350 MP-PREP: Meat Preparations

Box reference I.7

The GB Health Certificate for Meat Preparations contains the following statements which restrict its use to goods produced in the country of export:

Part III – Notes for completion – Part I

Box reference I.7: Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.

Clarification – This footnote does not apply to goods that are produced, manufactured, and packaged in multiple EU/EFTA countries.

AH/P603

By certifying this attestation, you confirm that the product/commodity was obtained only from fresh meat originating in territories approved for import into Great Britain as it appears in the relevant document relating to ‘fresh meat of ungulates’, ‘poultry and poultry products’ or ‘meat of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits’ published on GOV.UK(+), and that it complies with the GB animal health import requirements as laid down in Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, Regulation (EU) 798/2008 and Regulation (EU) 119/2009, as applicable to the specie(s) or category(ies) of product.

Only meat from the concerned exporting third country can be utilised in the manufacture of the meat preparations.

Clarification – The final sentence of this statement implies that meat preparations exported from one country must solely contain meat originating from this country. For meat preparations exported to GB from EU/EFTA countries this is not the case. In line with our approach to recognising the EU as a single entity, it is permissible for an EU Member State OV to certify meat preparations containing meat from multiple EU Member States, so long as all the relevant meat is eligible for export to GB.

GBHC352 MP-PROD: Meat Products

Place of Loading Approval I.13

Box I.13 in Part I asks for an approval number for the ‘Place of Loading’. This is separate to the approval number required in I.11 for the ‘Place of Origin’. Whilst the Place of Origin of the product will always be an approved establishment, this might not always be the case

for the Place of Loading. For example, when the Place of Loading is certified as the place where a road vehicle is embarking on the ferry for movement to GB.

Clarification – It is acceptable to certify the ‘Approval Number’ field in I.13 as ‘N/A’ if the Place of Loading is not an approved establishment.

[GBHC401 FP: Fishery Products](#)

‘No.’ in Box I.25

Box I.25 in Part I contains a field labelled ‘No.’

Clarification – Quantities of product are outlined elsewhere on the health certificate. This box can be used to provide numbering for different lines entered into Box I.26 of the certificate where products with different CN codes are being grouped onto a single certificate. This will help to link the products with each CN code specified in I.25 to the relevant scientific name given in I.26. However, it can be certified as ‘N/A’ if necessary.

[GBHC421 EP-P: Egg products](#)

AH/D001

Part II. Certification	
Animal Health	
I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that the egg products described in this certificate were produced from eggs coming from (an) establishment(s) in which highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined in GB legislation have not been present; and	
AH/D001 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza	
⁽¹⁾ EITHER	[within a 10 km radius of which, including, where appropriate, the territory of a neighbouring country, there has been no outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza for at least the previous 30 days;]
⁽¹⁾ AND/OR	[the egg products were processed in compliance with Notes for Completion statement reference(s) ⁽¹⁾ [A1] ⁽¹⁾ [A2] ⁽¹⁾ [B] ⁽¹⁾ [C1] ⁽¹⁾ [C2] ⁽¹⁾ [D1] ⁽¹⁾ [D2] ⁽¹⁾ [E1] ⁽¹⁾ [E2] ⁽¹⁾ [E3];]

This certificate provides two options for meeting AH/D001. The eggs within egg products must either originate from an establishment where there has not been an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) within a 10km radius for the past 30 days or they must be processed in compliance with the treatment options listed for that specific egg product.

Clarification – Egg products which are not explicitly listed (e.g., sugared yolks, plain or pure yolks) on the health certificate can be certified if the eggs within the egg product do not originate from an establishment where there has been an outbreak of HPAI within a 10km radius for the past 30 days.

Where an egg product is being certified based on its treatment, the eggs do not have to have been processed at the precise temperature and time combination listed as long as

both the temperature and time are **the same or higher than** what is listed in the health certificate.

In addition to the above, egg products containing **plain or pure egg yolk** can be certified if they have been treated in line with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) standard for the inactivation of HPAI: **60°C for 288 seconds**. This treatment option for plain or pure egg yolk is not currently listed in the health certificate but may be referenced within a schedule.

GBHC431 COL: Collagen

'No.' in Box I.25

Box I.25 in Part I contains a field labelled 'No.'

Clarification – Quantities of product are outlined elsewhere on the health certificate. This box can be used to provide numbering for different lines entered into Box I.26 of the certificate where products with different CN codes are being grouped onto a single certificate. This will help to link the products with each CN code specified in I.25 to the relevant scientific name given in I.26. However, it can be certified as 'N/A' if necessary.

GBHC565 PET-ABP: Animal by-products for petfood

AH/A504 Animal Requirements (general)

Clarification: In the case of ABP from animals slaughtered at a slaughterhouse, it is expected that the export Official Veterinarian (OV) decides whether the products being imported into GB need to comply with [**X: (b) (ii), (iii) and (iv)**], as listed in the Notes for completion. Where [**X: (b) (ii), (iii) and (iv)**] are not relevant or appropriate for the products, those statements do not need to be complied with. For example, it may be appropriate to disapply b (ii) when b (iii) and (iv) apply.

AH/504 Animal Requirements (Notes for completion)

This certificate can be used for a number of animal by-products, including aquatic animals (except sea mammals) and certain material originating from animals that did not show signs of disease communicable disease to humans or animals, such as hatchery byproducts, eggs and egg by-products and day-old chicks killed for commercial reasons. For these products, it is not relevant or appropriate to attest to the slaughter conditions of the animals that have contributed to the ABP. In this circumstance, it is acceptable to certify the 'either X' statement presented in the certificate in its entirety on the basis that this provides the relevant assurances [a(i) and b(i)] from the conditions presented. The entire statement should be retained.

Clarification – For these products, it is expected that the export Official Veterinarian (OV) decides whether the products being imported into GB need to comply with [**X: (b) (ii), (iii) and (iv)**]. Where [**X: (b) (ii), (iii) and (iv)**] are not relevant or appropriate for the products, those statements do not need to be complied with.

AH/P101B Product requirements (composition)

have been prepared exclusively with the following Category 3 materials as set out in the notes for completion:

(*)[A] (*)[B] (*)[C] (*)[D] (*)[E] (*)[F] (*)[G] (*)[H] (*)[I] (*)[J];

Clarification - If the products have been prepared from material described in option J, the products do not need to have been prepared exclusively with Category 3 materials.

[GBHC811 SEM-EQU-M2: Equine semen Model 2](#)

AH/A718B

This attestation refers to poultry and has been added to this model certificate in error. Please cross out, until this can be amended in a future version of the certificate.

[GBHC820 SEM-OVC-CC: Ovine and caprine semen \(collection centre\)](#)

AH/T143A – Notes for completion

Notes for completion section for AH/T134A is titled AH/T133. The content of the note is correct, and the error is only in the title. This will be amended in a future version of the certificate.



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