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## **IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM**

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### **CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN FROM HONG KONG**

#### **Purpose**

1. To advise you that the competent authority in Honk Kong is updating its template for certification for food of animal origin.

#### **Background**

2. At present, there are two set of numbers stated on health certificates for food of animal origin, in which the 'certificate No' is a pre-printed serial number and the 'application No' is manually assigned. In the updated version, both numbers which will be unique and not repeated, will be generated by an automated system. Furthermore, the page number, certificate number and application number will be shown on each page of the certificate. A blank copy of the template is attached for information.
3. Please note that this new system is purely administrative and does not affect the guarantees provided in the certificate.
4. The new system will come into effect on 7 March.

#### **Action for OVSs**

5. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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