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Food & Rural Affairs

## **IMPORTS AND EU TRADE TEAM**

**OVS NOTE 2024/07**

**22 February 2024**

**To clarify how trading partners have been advised by Defra to complete certain GB health certificates.**

### **Purpose**

1. To advise of clarifications for GB health certificates issued to trading partners.

### **Background**

2. Trading partners have asked for clarification on completion of some GB EHCs and Defra have issued advice in the form of a new Import Information Note: <http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/bip/iin/gen-04.pdf>
3. Some of the items below will be amended in future versions of certificates while others will remain if, for example, they don't apply to every trading partner.

### **Action for OVSs**

4. OVSs are requested to note the above information.

### **Contact point for enquiries**

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## **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/minced meat**

Box I.13 includes the sub-field ‘approval number’ this was included in error and can be completed as ‘N/A’ until the certificate is next updated.

### **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 for human consumption**

### 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** – This box can be certified as 'N/A' if necessary, as the quantities of product are outlined elsewhere on the health certificate.

### **Transit**

GBHC401 may also be used to **transit** goods under the codes 0304, 0305, 0308, 1603, 1604, 1605.

The consignment must comply with the relevant **animal health requirements** laid down in the model official certificate [GBHC401 FP: Fishery Products](#) (disregard the title which says "for the placing on the market").

The **public health requirements** can be deleted/struck through although it is acceptable for these requirements to also be certified.

Follow relevant guidance here that relates to certification of goods in transit - [How to complete a health certificate to export to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-complete-a-health-certificate-to-export-to-great-britain)

In the case GBHC401 is used for the transit of goods please note the changes to the below boxes.

- Box I.12 (Place of destination) should specify the address of the premises of destination, in the country of destination.
- Box I.21 (box not in use in current model) should be used to indicate that goods are certified for transit through Great Britain.

### **GBHC431 COL: Collagen**

#### 'No.' in Box I.25

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

**Clarification** – This box can be certified as 'N/A' if necessary, as the quantities of product are outlined elsewhere on the health certificate.