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QUARTERLY UPDATES TO GB MODEL EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATES (EHCs) FOR ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS.

Purpose

1. Information regarding quarterly updates to GB model health certificates (See [Annex](#)).
2. To advise of an extension to the implementation period for the move to the streamlined certificates for the USA of three months.
3. To advise of an extension to the use of four non-streamlined certificates for the EU

Background

4. The quarterly updates to GB model health certificates were published today.
5. Trading partners must use these new versions from 31 October 2024, though some may choose to use them as soon as they are available on GOV.UK.
6. To keep the frequency and number of changes to a minimum, not all proposed changes result in immediate amendments to certificates. Please see [Importer information note GEN 4](#) for a full list of clarifications. This document is updated regularly.
7. The United States of America has been granted a three-month extension to the implementation period for the move to streamlined certificates. They will still need to use the old certificates and will still be subject to BTOM checks where appropriate.

8. Until further notice, EU and EFTA countries may use the following certificates:
 - a. GBHC012E BOV-X v.4.1 (or GBHC620 BOV-X v.2.0)
 - b. GBHC013E BOV-Y v.3.0 (or GBHC621 BOV-Y v.2.0)
 - c. GBHC015E OVI-X v.4.1
 - d. GBHC016E OVI-Y v.3.0

Action for OVSS

9. To note the above information.

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GBHC330 POU: Poultry meat

Version 1.2

- Attestation AH/T005 added “has been obtained from poultry which has been kept in”

GBHC600 QUE: Queen honey bees and bumble bees

Version 1.1

- Attestation AH/E500B added “comes from a breeding apiary, which is supervised and controlled by the competent authority in case of reported disease;” and complies with GB legislation.

GBHC611 PB: Pet birds

Version 1.1

- Part I I.10 has been amended to “not in use”
- Attestation SA/012 additional animal health requirement has been added this is a declaration by the owner or representative of the owner.

GBHC620 BOV-X: Domestic bovine animals for breeding or production

Version 2.0

- Part I: I.24 and I.27 have been amended to 'not in use'.
- Part I: I.25 'Human consumption' changed to 'breeding' and added 'production'.
- Part I: I.28 all headings deleted and replaced with new headings.
- AH/T117 point (d) : removed references to epizootic haemorrhagic disease throughout the attestation and notes for completion and added a table for vaccinations.
- AH/T117 point (d) (i): added "and the animals have been kept in that territory for at least 60 days".
- AH/T117 point (d) (iii): replaced "present in the source population as demonstrated through a surveillance programme in an area with a 150km radius around the holding(s) of origin described under box reference I.11." with "officially reported anywhere in the whole territory during at least the preceding 24 months". And added “as demonstrated through a surveillance programme”. We have added the following to the notes for completion "For the avoidance of doubt, animals cannot be exported without vaccination (even if they may have originated from parts of the territory considered unaffected by bluetongue or a particular strain of bluetongue)."

- AH/T117 point (e): has been added this covers the epizootic haemorrhagic disease requirements previously in AH/T117 point(d), the notes for completion have also been updated in line with the above.
- AH/E009 point (a): 60 days replaced with 90 days.
- AH/E009 point (b): amended to require no Bluetongue virus cases within 150 km, No rift valley fever cases within 100km and no lumpy skin disease cases within 50 km in the previous 40 days
- AH/E009 notes for completion: added "The distances specified apply irrespective of national or territorial boundaries."
- AH/E602 notes for completion: removed "When required by Jersey, in accordance with Decision 2004/558, otherwise delete"

GBHC621 BOV-Y: Domestic bovine animals for slaughter

Version 2.0

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GBHC650 EQU-TEMP: Temporary admission registered horse from non-EU countries

Version 1.2

- Attestation AH/T515A point A Either (II) replaces '30 days' with '40 days'.
- AH/E018 added (*) at the beginning of clauses (d), (f) and (g) to allow the deletion of the clause if not applicable

GBHC651 EQU-T: Equidae transit from non-EU countries

Version 1.1

- Added attestation AH/T515B.
- AH/E018 added (*) at the beginning of clauses (d), (f) and (g) to allow the deletion of the clause if not applicable

GBHC655 EQU-X: Permanent import equidae from non-EU countries

Version 1.1

- Attestation AH/A265 notes for completion removed references to temporary admission and renamed AH/A265B
- Attestation AH/A726 notes for completion removed references to temporary admission
- Attestation AW/002 notes for completion added 'the imports or'
- Attestation AH/A116C and AH/A117 the notes for completion for AH/A117 has been added as it was previously under AH/A116C notes for completion.
- Attestation AT/005C or (ii) 'The union' replaced with 'GB'
- AH/E018 added (*) at the beginning of clauses (d), (f) and (g) to allow the deletion of the clause if not applicable

GBHC691 DOC: Day old chicks

Version 1.1

- SA/002 notes for completion added "This attestation may be on a separate sheet provided it is attached to Part II of the health certificate and includes the unique certificate reference number and completed OV signature box. to NFC" A signature box has also been added to SA/002

GBHC811 EQU-M2: Equine semen Model 2

Version 1.1

- Attestation AH/718B has been removed.

GBHC815 OE-EQU-M2: Equine ova or embryos Model 2

Version 1.1

- AH/E373B notes for completion 'Annexe F' replaced with 'Annexe D' and removed the references to Regulation 2017/625.