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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.

GBHC179: 4.A. Fresh meat from New Zealand

Box reference I.25. Identification of the commodities

Treatment type: The standard Rest of World certificates for fresh meat require the treatment type to include the freezing dates.

Clarification - The certificate laid down in the New Zealand Equivalence Agreement does not require this information. Therefore NZ do not need to include freezing dates when certifying fresh meat on Cert GBHC179.

Part II: Certification, II. Health attestation

III Additional attestations

The model certificate GBHC179 on GOV.UK includes the phrase ‘...and passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections’. This is an error.

Clarification - The operational version of the certificate that accompanies fresh meat from New Zealand which omits the reference to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections is correct as it is in line with the model certificate laid down in [Decision 2015/1084](#).

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.

PH/P100

PH/P100 requires that the meat or minced meat has been frozen to an internal temperature of no more than -18C, this is an error and will be corrected at the next quarterly update point.

Clarification – It is acceptable to Cross out “the minced meat has been frozen to an internal temperature of no more than -18C” when the consignment only contains fresh beef.

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:

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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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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.

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	
(*)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;]
(*)AND/OR	[the egg products were processed in compliance with Notes for Completion statement reference(s) (*)[A1] (*)[A2] (*)[B] (*)[C1] (*)[C2] (*)[D1] (*)[D2] (*)[E1] (*)[E2] (*)[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 – This box can be certified as 'N/A' if necessary, as the quantities of product are outlined elsewhere on the health certificate.

GBHC440 COMP: Composite products intended for human consumption

Signature Box

For composite products containing only egg or fishery products the signature of an official Inspector can be accepted”

Clarification: In the case of composite products containing only egg or fishery products the signature of an official Inspector can be accepted. At the next opportunity, this line will be re-added to both GHBC440 and GHBC441.

GHBC441 COMP-T/S: Composite products transit or storage

Signature Box

For composite products containing only egg or fishery products the signature of an official Inspector can be accepted”

Clarification: In the case of composite products containing only egg or fishery products the signature of an official Inspector can be accepted. At the next opportunity, this line will be re-added to both GHBC440 and GHBC441.

GBHC562 PET-R: Raw petfood for direct sale or ABPs to be fed to fur animals

PH/D010 Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)

Section (a) should have (*) to indicate that it may be deleted.

Clarification: If the products described in Part I contain ruminant material originating in GB, then section (a) can be deleted. The statements regarding BSE risk status do not apply. Section (b) should still be completed.

GBHC565 PET-ABP: Animal by-products for petfood

PH/D010 Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)

Section (a) should have an (*) to indicate that it may be deleted.

Clarification: If the products described in Part I contain ruminant material originating in GB, then section (a) can be struck through or deleted. The statements regarding BSE risk status do not apply. Section (b) should still be completed.

AH/T503 Territory requirements (Notes for completion)

Enter the name and ISO code number of the exporting country as laid down in:

- *a document relating to 'fresh meat of ungulates' published on GOV.UK, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 206/2010. (†) Animal by products for petfood (PET-ABP) GBHC565 Version 1.0 May-23 NFC 2 / 6*
- *a document relating to 'poultry and poultry products' published on GOV.UK, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 798/2008. (†)*
- *a document relating to 'meat of wild leporidae, certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits' published on GOV.UK (†), in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 119/2009.*

In addition, the ISO code of regionalisation in the abovementioned documents (where applicable for the susceptible species concerned) must be included.

Option (b) is only applicable only for countries from which game meat intended for human consumption of the same animal species is authorised for importation into Great Britain.

Clarification – This statement should be retained in full. 'Exporting country' should be interpreted to mean the country/countries of origin of the animal by-product(s).

AH/A504 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 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 options X: **(b) (ii), (iii) and (iv)]**. Where options 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.

GBHC583 M-MP: Milk, milk-based products and milk-derived products not for human consumption

AH/T108 Territory requirements.

Statement instructs to list the exporting country and region where the milk or colostrum was *'produced and derived in'*.

Clarification – Where the milk or colostrum originated from Member States different from the Member State of export or, were imported to the EU from non-EU country(ies) or region(s) approved for import of the relevant commodity to Great Britain, the relevant country name or region code(s) of the Member State(s) or Third Country(ies) of origin should be entered. In this case, multiple country names or region codes can be entered where the certificate requires the “name of exporting country” and (if applicable) “insert name of region” section.

GBHC587 BOV-C: Colostrum and colostrum products from bovine animals not for human consumption

AH/T108 Territory requirements.

Statement instructs to list the exporting country and region where the milk or colostrum was *'produced and derived in'*.

Clarification – Where the milk or colostrum originated from Member States different from the Member State of export or, were imported to the EU from non-EU country(ies) or region(s) approved for import of the relevant commodity to Great Britain, the relevant country name or region code(s) of the Member State(s) or Third Country(ies) of origin should be entered. In this case, multiple country names or region codes can be entered where the certificate requires the “name of exporting country” and (if applicable) “insert name of region” section.

GBHC 652 EQU-R-30: Re-entry after temporary export of not more than 30 days from

non-EU countries

GBHC653 EQU-R-FEI: Re-entry registered horse from FEI organised events in non-EU countries

GBHC654 EQU-R-COMP: Re-entry registered horse from specified events in non-EU countries

GBHC 656 EQU-Y: Equidae for slaughter from non-EU countries

AH/E018 Establishment requirements.

AH/E018 is missing an option to certify that the animals have come from holdings where no cases of Equine infectious anaemia (point (d)), rabies (point (f)) or anthrax (point (g)) have occurred.

Clarification – This should be included and will be added at the next opportunity in the meantime this option can be certified by striking through or delete those options which are not applicable.

GBGHC662 EQU-UNR: Temporary or permanent admission of an unregistered equine from the EU

AH/A265 Animal requirements.

AH/A265 (f) (iii) text relates to a temporary export and is therefore not applicable for this health certificate for a permanent import.

Clarification – This point can be deleted.

AH/E018 Establishment requirements.

AH/E018 is missing an option to certify that the animals have come from holdings where no cases of Equine infectious anaemia (point (d)), rabies (point (f)) or anthrax (point (g)) have occurred.

Clarification – This should be included and will be added at the next opportunity in the meantime this option can be certified by striking through or delete those options which are not applicable.

GBHC801 SEM-BOV-CCM2: Bovine semen (collection centre) Model 2

Part I box I.14 & I.15

‘Identification’ and ‘Documentation references’ included in box I.14 of Part I.

Clarification – The inclusion of these points in I.14 are formatting errors. They should be placed in Box I.15 and will be amended at the next opportunity.

GBHC802 SEM-BOV-SCM3: Bovine semen (storage centre) Model 3

Part 1 box I.14 & I.15

'Documentation references' included in box I.14 of Part I. Just 'Documentation references' included in I.14 for GBHC802.

Clarification – The inclusion of these points in I.14 are formatting errors. They should be placed in Box I.15 and will be amended at the next opportunity.

GBHC670 AOO: Aquaculture and Open Ornamental

AH/T157B

AH/T157B The first paragraph of this attestation contains the line "requirements for vector species **susceptible** to".

Clarification – the inclusion of the word 'susceptible' is a typographical error in the certificate and is to be ignored when completing the certificate and will be amended at the next opportunity.

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.

Action for OVSs

4. OVSs are requested to note the above information.

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