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## **IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM**

**OVS NOTE 2024/35**

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### **CLARIFICATION ON THE CORRECT COMPLETION OF EHCS**

#### **Purpose**

1. To inform Official Veterinarians of some key details regarding completion of EHCs for imports into Great Britain.

#### **Background**

2. Some attestations in GB health certificates are '(\*) keep as appropriate'. In these instances, certifiers can either strike through or entirely delete these attestations from the certificate.

3. Regarding the content of EHCs, if a certificate contains all the content set out in our model certificates found on Gov.uk including the attestation references, and apart from those sections which may be deleted if appropriate, it will be acceptable for use for imports into Great Britain. For example, if the formatting of Part I is different to the formatting on the model certificate it will still be acceptable for imports providing it contains all the information set out in the model certificate.

#### **Action for OVSs**

4. To note the above information.

#### **Contact point for enquiries**

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