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Certification of highly refined products intended for human consumption

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Purpose

To update certifiers on the new Export Health Certificate (EHC) requirements for highly refined products intended for human consumption for export to the EU.

Background

Highly refined products are listed in Section XVI of Annex III to [Regulation \(EC\) No 853/2004](#) (as amended).

In [Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2258](#), and [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2504](#) of 19 December 2022, the EU expanded the scope of the definition of 'highly refined products' to include food flavourings and fat derivatives (e.g., cholesterol, and Vitamin D3 derived from lanolin) intended for human consumption.

In the days following the issue of this briefing note, the updated EHC 8399 for highly refined products will replace the previous version of EHC 8399 on [EHC Form Finder](#). Exporters will then not be able to apply for the previous EHC version.

Action

Certifiers should note that fat derivatives (e.g., cholesterol, and Vitamin D3 derived from lanolin) must be subject to a specific risk mitigating treatment as set out in the certificate.

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Certifiers should note that food flavourings must be authorised in accordance with [Regulation \(EC\) No 1334/2008](#).

Certifiers are permitted to use the version of the EHC 8399 that existed before this update for a transitional period until 15 July 2023, if signed no later than 15 April 2023.

Beginning on 16 July 2023, certifiers will not be able to use the previous version of EHC 8399 and must use the updated EHC 8399 for all products that are in scope of the updated EHC.

Further Information

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