



Animal &  
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## APHA Briefing Note 09/21

# Animal Health Regulation fish EHCs notes for guidance updated and registration details for webinar

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## Purpose

1. To inform Food Competent Certifying Officers (FCCO) that the Animal Health Regulation (AHR) fish and shellfish Export Health Certificates' (EHCs) notes for guidance have been updated.
2. To provide registration details for a webinar being held on 10 January 2022 for local authorities on the certification process for AHR fish and shellfish EHCs.

## Background

3. From 15 January 2022 traders will need to use the AHR EHCs for goods exported from GB to the EU or moved to Northern Ireland if an EHC is required.
4. We provided details about the definition of further processing for the fish and shellfish EHCs in the [Briefing Note 08/21](#) which was published on 15 December 2021.

## Update on the Notes for Guidance for fish EHCs

5. The notes for guidance for EHC [8361](#) (live fish, live crustaceans and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption) and EHC [8364](#) (live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods and products from these animals intended for human consumption) have been updated to include:

- Part II.2 (Animal Health Attestation) - now includes the definition of further processing.
  - Annex - this includes common examples of exports, specifying who can certify EHCs (either Food Competent Certifying Officer (FCCO) or Official Veterinarian (OV)), whether regular health inspection of the aquaculture premise by a vet is needed, and whether the consignment needs clinical inspection by an OV.
6. EHC [8361](#) notes for guidance also includes the following updates:
- Part II.2.4 (Specific Health Attestation) - this includes changes to the requirements for consignments of species susceptible to certain diseases such as bacterial kidney disease (BKD).
  - Section 5 residue check guarantees - this now includes new wording on contaminants testing in wild caught fish and crustaceans.

## Timing

7. The old AHR EHCs will be withdrawn from EHC Online on 14 January. From 1pm on that date traders will no longer be able to raise new applications for these EHCs.
8. Any in-progress exports using the non-AHR EHCs will still be valid for entry into the EU so long as the EHC is signed before 11.59 pm on 14 January, and the consignment arrives at the point of entry in the EU by 15 March 2022.

## Webinar registration

9. Defra is holding a webinar on **Monday 10 January 2022 12-1pm**, for local authorities on certifying the AHR fish and shellfish EHCs. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the new EHCs to an expert panel.
10. Please register for the webinar [here](#).
11. Instructions for registering for the webinar:
- When you click on the registration link, you will be asked to confirm your name, email address, and organisation
  - This will register you for the webinar and live Q&A with our expert panel
  - Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that will include a link to add the webinar to your calendar
  - You do not need to download any software to access the webinar, the link will open in your browser (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge etc.)
  - Please join the webinar 5 minutes before it is due to start

## Further Information

- [Briefing Note 08/21](#) published on 15 December 2021 provides more information on the definition of further processing.
- [FAQs for certifiers on AHR](#)
- If you have any questions about the AHR and the new EHCs please contact: [traders@defra.gov.uk](mailto:traders@defra.gov.uk)