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Fish EHCs Animal Health Regulation Certifiers



Update – AHR

- EU making changes to its animal health laws - Export Health Certificates (EHCs) and Notes for Guidance used to move goods to Northern Ireland or export to the EU are being updated
- EHCs for composite products changed in April - a small number of new EHCs were introduced at that time
- 40 EHCs on Form Finder from 30 June so you can familiarise yourself with them
- Further EHCs will be available on 29 July 2021
- Briefing notes on Vet Gateway about the most significant changes to the new EHCs
- For more detailed information see Notes for Guidance for the relevant EHC

Timings - EHCs

- The new EHCs will need to be used for all goods exported to the EU from 21 August
- The existing EHCs will be switched off on 20 August - so long as they are signed before 11.59 pm on August 20, current EHCs may be used until 20 October 2021 for goods in transit to the EU
- Products exported on the new EHCs from 21 August may require changes to Support Health Attestations earlier than August 21, so they reflect conditions of the new EHCs

Fish, crustacean and molluscs

- [8361](#) replaces 8270 – this now to be used for live fish, live crustaceans and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption
- [8364](#) replaces 8249 – this is now to be used for live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption

Main changes – fish EHCs

- The most significant change is who is permitted to certify the EHC
- If the product is of aquaculture origin, and **is intended for further processing in the EU**, and the species is listed in the legislation, an OV rather than a Food Competent Certifying Officer must certify
- The list of species covered by this requirement is included in the Annex to EU regulation 2018/1882
- Examples of listed fish and shellfish include named species of Salmon (e.g. Atlantic) and Trout (e.g. Rainbow), all decapod crustaceans, and European Flat Oysters

Main changes – fish EHCs

- Also covered by this regulation certain fish, or shellfish that may act as a vector species, as they live in proximity to a listed species,
- For example, the common edible cockle is named as a disease vector species for the European flat oyster and would require OV certification where they are in contact with (co-habiting or sharing a water supply) with European flat oysters
- There is also a requirement for veterinary oversight of aquaculture premises to certify the animal health status of the site and in certain circumstances

Useful Links

Description	Useful Link
Traders mailbox	traders@defra.gov.uk
GOV.UK Form Finder	www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates
Vet Gateway - FCCOs	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/FCCOs/index.htm
Vet Gateway – OVs	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/official-vets/index.htm
Briefing note update on new fish EHCs – FCCOs	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/fcco/Briefing-Note-0121.pdf
Briefing note update on new EHCs – OVs	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/ov/Briefing-Note-2921.pdf
AHR composite products Briefing note	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/ov/Briefing-Note-1021.pdf
Composite Products decision tree	http://apha.defra.gov.uk/external-operations-admin/library/documents/exports/ET207.pdf