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Certifying Officers to Obtain Avian Influenza Disease Clearance for certain Export Health Certificates from the APHA Vet Gateway

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Purpose

1. To inform Certifying Officers that the Centre for International Trade – Carlisle (CITC) will not issue Avian Influenza disease clearances for all Export Health Certificates (EHC) for the EU that are now being issued post transition. Certifying Officers will be required to obtain their own clearance for certain EHCs from an interactive map that can be accessed via the APHA Vet Gateway.

Background

2. Exports from Great Britain to the European Union (EU) and Northern Ireland now require EHCs which will be issued to Certifying Officers through the EHC Online service. More information about this service is available for Certifying Officers on the [APHA Vet Gateway](#).
3. [APHA Briefing Note 38/20](#) issued on 10 December 2020 explained that Certifying Officers would be able to obtain their own disease clearance for certain EHCs for trade to the EU and Northern Ireland post transition.
4. Due to ongoing Avian Influenza cases it will be necessary for Certifying Officers to obtain additional clearances in certain EHCs for Avian Influenza or Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza using an interactive map that can be accessed via a link on the [APHA Vet Gateway](#).
5. Part 1 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 provides a list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through the EU and the veterinary certificate requirements.

6. The UK has been listed in the Regulation to permit exports but excludes poultry and poultry products that originate in 'the area contained within a circle of a radius of 10km centred on' each Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) infected premises.
7. Certifying Officers will need to obtain data from exporters on all flock(s) of origin/holding(s) of origin, and if applicable, slaughterhouse(s), of poultry and poultry products and plot the postcode(s) on the interactive map.
8. If all flock(s) of origin/holding(s) of origin, and if applicable, slaughterhouse(s), of poultry and poultry products are outside all HPAI 10km surveillance zones, the poultry/poultry products meet export eligible criteria and can be certified for export.
9. If any flock(s)/holding(s) of origin, and if applicable, slaughterhouse(s) are plotted and are within any HPAI 10km surveillance zone, poultry or poultry products from that flock/holding of origin/slaughterhouse will be ineligible for export and must not be certified.
10. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) available on [EHC Form Finder](#) have been updated and advise where the interactive map can be used to obtain disease clearance for HPAI for the EHCs listed in the below Appendix. Any additional EHCs that can be routed to use this method for HPAI clearance will be updated in the Appendix and NFG updated accordingly.
11. From 1 January 2021 the requirement to check within the 10km zones will remain in place for up to 90 days after all restrictions have been lifted from each zone. Once the 90-day period has passed for each zone they will be removed from the interactive map
12. Additional guidance on the Regional code to enter in section I.8 of the EHC and the health attestation can be obtained in the NFG.

Further Information

- Avian Influenza page on [GOV.UK](#)
- Interactive Map on [APHA Vet Gateway](#)
- APHA's Centre for International Trade – Carlisle, email: exports@apha.gov.uk
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Appendix

List of EU EHCs where Certifying Officers are authorised to obtain their own HPAI disease clearance using the interactive map on the APHA Vet Gateway:

- 8234EHC – consignments of less than 20 units of poultry (LT20)
- 8235EHC – breeding of productive poultry (BPP)
- 8236EHC – breeding or productive ratites (BPR)
- 8237EHC – day-old chicks (DOC)
- 8238EHC – day-old chicks of ratites (DOR)
- 8239EHC – slaughter poultry and poultry for restocking game supplies (SRP)
- 8240EHC – slaughter ratites (SRA)
- 8290EHC – transit/storage of SPF eggs, meat, minced meat and mechanically separated meat of poultry including ratites and wild game birds, eggs and egg products
- 8291EHC – wild game-bird meat (WGM)
- 8294EHC – hatching eggs of poultry (HEP)
- 8295EHC – hatching eggs of ratites (HER)
- 8296EHC – meat of poultry (POU)
- 8297EHC – meat of farmed ratites (RAT)
- 8308EHC – untreated blood products for the manufacture of derived products for purposes outside the feed chain for farmed animals.