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## APHA Briefing Note 01/22

# Temporary Certification of NI origin components of GB origin products.

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### Purpose

1. To provide an update to Official Veterinarians (OVs) on how to temporarily certify the “country/territory of origin” for ingredients of NI origin which are contained in meat products, meat preparations and composite products and which are being exported to the EU.

### Background

2. The EU’s health certificate for composite products allow the “country or territory of origin” of the meat ingredients in Part II of the certificate to be certified as being from either:
  1. The same as the country of origin of the product.  
or
  2. An EU member state  
or
  3. A suitably listed third country/territory.

As such clarity has been requested on how to certify NI origin components of GB origin products.

### Certifying NI Origin Components

3. For the purpose of completing an EHC, where a GB origin product contains NI origin components due for export to the EU/NI, OV’s can certify NI as originating from “an EU Member State”, which the EU SPS regime extends to apply to Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Northern Ireland Protocol.

## Timeframe

4. This is a temporary arrangement for certifying the “country/territory of origin” for ingredients of NI origin while Defra is in discussion with the EU Commission. A further update will be provided in due course once discussions are completed.

## Further information

5. For further information please contact [GBEUPolicyQueries@defra.gov.uk](mailto:GBEUPolicyQueries@defra.gov.uk).