



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

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Cancellation of Export Health Certificates with individual serial number beginning with 22 (22/2/XXXXXX)

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Purpose

1. To inform Certifying Officers (Official Veterinarians (OVs) and Food Competent Certifying Officers (FCCOs)) located in England, Scotland and Wales that Export Health Certificates (EHCs) with a serial number beginning with 22 (22/2/xxxxxx) should not be certified after 31st January 2023.
2. Where an EHC is still required, a new certificate prefixed with 23 should be used.

Background

3. EHCs are generated with a unique serial number (eg 22/2/xxxxxx) beginning with the year.
4. EHCs can be issued weeks before the export date.
5. Every year Export health certificates issued in advance with the unique serial number commencing with the number from the previous year are cancelled.
6. EHCs with a serial number beginning with 22 should no longer be certified after 31st January 2023.

Unused Certificates

7. If a certificate is unused but an EHC is still required, exporters should submit a new EHC application for an EHC with a 23 serial number.
8. Certifiers should cancel the 22 unused EHC.

- For EHCs generated on EHC Online, the certifier should do this by selecting cancel at the Decision and Confirmation stage.
- For EHCs generated outwith EHC Online, exporters or certifiers should confirm to Centre for International Trade – Carlisle the serial numbers of those EHCs being cancelled, email certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk

Certified Certificates

9. Where an EHC has been generated on EHC Online, certifiers must ensure that the certifier decision is updated and completed as soon as possible after certification. Where there are 22 serial numbered EHCs that have been certified, certifiers must ensure the decision has been recorded on EHC Online. If this has not previously been completed, certifiers should update by 31st January 2023.
10. Where an EHC is generated manually, outwith EHC Online, certifiers must ensure the appropriate action is taken following certification, eg return of certified copy.

Further Information

- Any queries relating to this briefing note should be sent to: exports@apha.gov.uk
- Extensive Guidance; Certifiers using the EHC Online Service [Export Health Certificates Online \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/export/health-certificates-online/)
- Certifiers Post-Certifying Procedures [OV Instructions \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/export/ov-instructions/)