



APHA Briefing Note 03/19

Listing of export health certification providers on GOV.UK

Purpose

1. To inform OV's and OV practices that APHA are launching an accessible and managed list of export health certification providers on GOV.UK. The listing will support exporters in identifying organisations able to provide certification services in their region and by commodity type.
2. This list may include local authorities if they offer a service to sign APHA-issued EHCs.
3. This note has been addressed to individual OV's to ensure that we are fully inclusive, however, the listing will be of businesses, sole traders or local authorities which offer a service and not named individuals.
4. Businesses which do not currently offer export certification services but who would be prepared to do so if there is demand can be also be listed.
5. Organisations must opt-in to be included in the listing.
6. The listing will **exclude** any certification or passport services relating to small animals and pets covered by OCQ(V) – CA Companion Animals & OCQ(V) – SX Small Animals.

Background

7. Businesses that export animals and animal products have asked APHA to provide clear and accessible information about those OV practices and other organisations who provide certification services on a commercial basis.
8. APHA are developing an on-line listing through GOV.UK to support exporters in finding certification providers based on their commodity type and geographic location.
9. This may also enable certifiers to identify gaps in the market and new opportunities.

10. The listing will feature only those OV practices that opt-in to being included; you may already provide such services or would consider doing so if there was new demand in your area. APHA will also be contacting Local Authorities and inviting them to 'opt-in' to the list.
11. Business wishing to opt-in to being listed must complete the attached form to confirm their permission for APHA to store and publish their data on .GOV.UK and return it to APHA by **Friday 1st February 2019**.
 - a. [APHA Export Certification Listing – GOV.UK Data Gathering Template](#).
12. All requests for inclusion will be reviewed by APHA for suitability. APHA will be the approver of all information published.
13. The content will be reviewed and maintained on a monthly basis, organisations should contact APHA if they wish to add, remove or amend their listing.
14. APHA intend to publish the listing during February 2019.

Further Information

If you have any queries please contact the OV Team Worcester via email - CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk

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