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## APHA Briefing Note 05/21

# Certifying Prohibited and Restricted Goods – Great Britain to Northern Ireland

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## Purpose

1. To provide information to Official Veterinarians (OVs) on the arrangements for certifying certain Prohibited and Restricted (P&R) goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

## Background

2. From 1 January 2021, new Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and certification came into force on many agri-food goods moving from Great Britain (GB) (England, Scotland and Wales) to Northern Ireland (NI).
3. To give businesses time to adjust to these new certification requirements alternative temporary arrangements for movements of certain P&R goods have been put in place.
4. For P&R goods there are no export health certificates (EHCs) available for the EU as these goods cannot be exported from GB to the EU. In order to move these goods to NI there are new EHCs that have been developed for traders to use. These are time limited EHCs up to 30 June 2021.
5. The information below sets out the requirements and your role in certifying these goods.

## P&R requirements until 21 February 2021

6. From 1 January until 21 February 2021 traders will not require an EHC if they are moving P&R goods from GB to NI.

7. These products must be accompanied by a P&R Attestation (Compliance Declaration). This declaration does not need to be completed or signed by an OV and can be completed by a representative of the company with authority to sign, as delegated by the board.
8. Further information on [on P&R Attestations](#).

## From 22 February 2021

9. From 22 February, each P&R product type must be accompanied with a new type of EHC called a P&R EHC.
10. As per standard EU EHC's, these will be issued per product type and must be signed by an OV.

## Guidance for OVs

11. The following P&R EHCs are available for traders to apply for via [EHC Online](#) when moving fresh meat, minced meat and meat preparations until the end of the six-month grace period (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 to 30 June 2021).

Commodity	P&R EHC Number	P&R EHC Title
Chilled/frozen minced poultry meat	<a href="#">1700</a>	P&R Health certificate of chilled/frozen minced poultry meat to Northern Ireland
Chilled bovine meat	<a href="#">1701</a>	P&R Health certificate of chilled bovine minced meat to Northern Ireland
Chilled ovine/caprine minced meat	<a href="#">1702</a>	P&R Health certificate for export of chilled ovine/caprine minced meat to Northern Ireland
Chilled porcine minced meat	<a href="#">1703</a>	P&R Health certificate for exports of chilled porcine minced meat to Northern Ireland
Chilled meat	<a href="#">1704</a>	P&R Health certificate for exports of chilled meat preparations to Northern Ireland
P&R EU SPS area poultry meat/minced meat	<a href="#">1705</a>	Health certificate for P&R EU SPS area poultry meat/minced meat to Northern Ireland (NI)
P&R EU SPS area meat of domestic ungulates	<a href="#">1706</a>	Health certificate for P&R EU SPS area meat of domestic ungulates to Northern Ireland (NI)

12. In all cases these EHCs are only for use for products that are retail packed for the end consumer (with an exception for meat of NI origin which is returning to NI using P&R certificates 1705 or 1706) and moving from GB directly to NI via a designated Point of Entry into NI.
13. Traders are responsible to ensure that at the Point of Entry into NI the products bear a label reading “These products from the United Kingdom may not be sold outside Northern Ireland”.
14. These EHCs can only be used for movements of goods to NI on or before 30 June 2021.

### **P&R EHC Notes for Guidance**

15. P&R Notes for Guidance provide the specific rules for each type of animal product and OV's should familiarise themselves with them when certifying P&R goods. They will be available on [the EHC Finder](#) shortly.
16. Traders can start applying for a P&R EHC now, however they must not be used for moving fresh meat, minced meat and meat preparations consignments until 22 February 2021. OV's should ensure that they certify these within the appropriate timeframes ahead of movements as set out in the notes for guidance.

## **Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS)**

17. Defra has introduced the Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS), to support traders and businesses in meeting new requirements for moving animals, plants and associated products from GB to NI from 1 January 2021.
18. The cost for certifying P&R EHCs will come under this scheme with a maximum reimbursement of £150.00 (+ VAT) for each P&R EHC.
19. OV's need to make sure their practice is set up on EHC Online, so they can process EHCs and claim reimbursement on GB-NI certification costs from 1 January 2021.
20. See briefing note on [Vet Gateway](#) and [GOV.UK](#) for further information on the scheme and how to claim reimbursement.

## **Further information**

21. There are [Q&As available on P&R goods](#) which provide further information.