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Export Health Certificate 7006EHC for the export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China – changes to the pre-check requirement.

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Purpose

To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) located in England, Scotland, and Wales that the pre-check requirement for Export Health Certificate (EHC) 7006EHC for the export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China has been removed from the EHC Online service.

Background

Previously, exporters applying for 7006EHC were required to submit their export application on the EHC Online service which routed the application to their OV to complete a pre-check before submission to the Centre for International Trade – Carlisle (CITC).

The CITC then completed checks to ensure that the OV and the Cold Store were on the list of Certifiers and Establishments approved for export to the People's Republic of China before processing and dispatching the EHC back to the OV for final certification.

The application routing on the EHC Online service has now been changed and the requirements for pre-checks by the certifying OV have been removed. From 31 January 2024, new applications submitted by exporters for 7006EHC will be routed directly to CITC upon submission. Once the processing actions have been completed by CITC, 7006EHC will be dispatched to the nominated OV on the EHC Online service for certification.

Action for Applications Submitted Prior to 31 January 2024

1. Following the change to the routing of 7006EHC, the pre-check will still need to be completed by OV's for applications already on their dashboard with a status of 'Certifier Action'.
2. The OV must complete their pre-check review steps as normal and enter their decision, name and SP number.
3. The OV will then be directed to a screen asking - 'Has the certificate been signed and issued?'
 - Select 'No, not yet'.
4. If 'Yes, I'm ready to close this certificate' is selected by mistake, the OV will be able to enter a date of signing and close the certificate. These applications will still be routed to CITC for processing, and once dispatched by CITC the OV will be able to amend and certify the certificate as expected.
5. If the certificate is mistakenly closed, the option to 'Cancel and replace' will be available against the certificate on the OV dashboard. If this option is selected, an error message will be displayed. A replacement certificate will only be available to apply for once the certificate has been dispatched by CITC and then approved by the OV.

Actions for New Applications Submitted on or After 31 January 2024

6. OV's should continue to check that the Cold Stores which they are certifying from are on the approved Establishment list for China before signing the EHC, and that they are on the list of approved OV's eligible to certify pig meat export to the People's Republic of China.
7. OV's will be able to make electronic amendments to the certificate after it has been dispatched by CITC to their dashboard prior to printing and applying their signature and stamp.

Further Information

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