



Animal &
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Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS) Survey for Certifying Officers and Veterinarians

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Purpose

To invite feedback from veterinarians and certifying officers regarding their experience using the Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS) that will inform programme improvements.

Background

GEFS is a trade facilitation scheme focusing on exports of certain categories of products to the EU which makes it simpler for exporters to get the necessary attestations required for their certifying officers to complete Export Health Certificates.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey last year. Some key themes emerged and we will be running workshops in March to explore these further, and to find improvements to GEFS. You can help shape these workshops and ensure your ideas or concerns are considered by completing this survey.

We encourage you to be frank with your feedback as this will help us improve your experience with GEFS.

Action

Please complete the following survey by **7 March 2024** to provide feedback on your experience using GEFS and to support the ongoing review of GEFS:

- GEFS Survey on Areas of Improvement – Certifying Officers and Veterinarians:
<https://forms.office.com/e/TjQhXtqxad>

Please encourage your suppliers and exporters to complete this separate survey by **7 March 2024**:

- GEFS Survey on Areas of Improvement – Exporters and Suppliers:
<https://forms.office.com/e/Q8VFWMQk6z>

If you would like to be part of the workshops in March, please email us with your date preference(s) at gbeupolicyqueries@defra.gov.uk to sign up for one of the following dates

- March 11 between 1300 and 1700
- March 12 between 1300 and 1700

Workshops will take place at 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

Further Information

For further information about the survey or about GEFS, please email:
gbeupolicyqueries@defra.gov.uk