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Export Health Certificates – Providing Disease Clearance for Slaughter Dates in the Future for Products of Animal Origin

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Purpose

This is to inform Official Veterinarians (OV) in Great Britain and exporters that the Centre for International Trade – Carlisle (CITC) will now provide disease clearance for slaughter dates that are in the future.

Background

Previously Notifiable Disease Clearances (618NDC) were only provided for Export Health Certificate (EHC) applications of meat / meat products / by products where the dates of slaughter had already passed. CITC were made aware that this created difficulties for industry when exports of fresh product had to depart very shortly after slaughter, allowing little time for an export application to be made and the OV to receive the EHC.

New Procedure for Providing Notifiable Disease Clearances

1. CITC will now process EHC applications where slaughter dates are in the future, but only where they will be within the validity period of the 618NDC.
2. Currently the 618NDC has a validity of 15 days from the date of issue.
3. Exporters may therefore apply with details of premises and slaughter dates up to 15 days from the date of application.
4. It is vital that accurate slaughter dates are provided for each application, as in the event of a disease outbreak CITC are required to trace products originating from the affected area and slaughtered within a specific range of dates.

Further Information

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