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## APHA Briefing Note 09/24

# Certification for exports to the EU of petfood or animal by-products for the manufacture of petfood with different BSE health guarantees

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### **Purpose:**

To inform OVAs that petfood or ABPs (animal by-products) for the manufacture of petfood entering EU Border Control Posts (BCPs) can only be certified on the same Export Health Certificate (EHC) if they meet the same BSE health guarantees.

### **Background:**

EHCs for petfood and for ABPs for the manufacture of petfood contain different BSE-related requirements depending on what animal products are being certified:

- Bovine, ovine or caprine animals
- Ruminants other than bovine, ovine or caprine animals
- Non-ruminant animals

From 1 September 2023, BCPs in the EU have requested that consignments of petfood or ABPs for the manufacture of petfood be accompanied by multiple EHCs when the products in said consignments require different BSE health guarantees.

### **Action:**

OVAs must note that: **only products with the same BSE health guarantees can be certified on the same EHC.**

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

For example, a product containing beef and salmon can be certified on the same EHC as a product containing lamb and chicken. This is because both beef and lamb require the same BSE-related requirements.

However, a product containing beef and salmon cannot be certified on the same EHC as a product containing salmon and chicken, as these two products have different BSE-related guarantees.

If in doubt, the exporter should contact the entry BCP in the EU for further clarification regarding products that can be covered under the same EHC.

## Further Information

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