



APHA Briefing Note 11/19

Opportunities for Providing Certification for Fish Exports for a No Deal EU Exit.

Background

1. The UK currently exports £5.4bn of annual exports of animals and animal products to the EU. In the event of a No Deal, each export consignment of animals or animal products going to the EU would require an Export Health Certificate (EHC) to be issued prior to the consignment being dispatched. EHCs are currently required for exports of these products to the 'rest of the world' but not the EU.
2. The UK currently produce 52,000 EHCs per year for exports to the 'rest of the world' and we expect this would increase by up to 350,000 in the event of a No Deal which would include EHCs for fisheries.
3. Each EHC requires certification by an authorised signatory that can be either a qualified vet known as an Official Veterinarian (OV) or by a qualified Local Authority Environmental Health Officer (EHO).
4. To ensure demand is met:
 - a. The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is currently providing free Product Exports (PX) training for OVs wishing to become eligible to certify fish consignments and sign EHCs
 - b. APHA has also launched the Official Controls Qualification for Certification Support Officers (CSOs) who can support the delivery of EHCs animal products excluding germplasm/germinal products.

Further Information

- [Guidance](#) document regarding potential opportunities for providing certification for fish exports for a No Deal EU Exit.

- [APHA Briefing Note 06/19](#) setting out the terms of the free Products Exports (PX) training being provided. Take advantage of the free training on offer before 29 March 2019.
- [APHA Briefing Note 22/18](#) setting out the terms of the Certification Support Officer (CSO) training being provided.

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