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## APHA Briefing Note 12/22

# EU clarification on molluscs exported from GB to the EU

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### Purpose

1. To update Food Competent Certifying Officers (FCCO) on certification of molluscs (EHC 8364) being exported from Great Britain (GB) to the EU.

### Background

2. From 15 January 2022 traders will need to use the Animal Health Regulation (AHR) Export Health Certificates (EHCs) for goods exported from GB to the EU or moved to Northern Ireland if an EHC is required.
3. The majority of AHR EHCs have been available for use on EHC Online since August 2021 and traders are already using them.

### Update on further processing

4. Defra has recently received further clarification on EHC [8364](#) – this covers live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates, marine gastropods and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption.
5. We have confirmation that consignments of wild bivalve molluscs, landed from fishing vessels into the UK do **NOT** require completion of Part II.2 of the certificate. Part II.2 can therefore be deleted, meaning this EHC can be signed by an FCCO (food competent certifying officer).
6. Part II.1 of the certificate must be completed, but it can be completed either by an FCCO, or an OV (official veterinarian).

7. Listed live bivalve molluscs from aquaculture or which are hand gathered will need Part II.2 of the certificate to be completed. Dead products from these molluscs going for further processing in the EU, will also need Part II.2 to be completed. An OV will be required to sign certificates where Part II.2 is retained.

## Further Information

- [FAQs for certifiers on AHR](#)
- If you have any questions about the AHR and the new EHCs please contact: [exports@apha.gov.uk](mailto:exports@apha.gov.uk)