



Animal &
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Animal Health Regulation (AHR) Export Health Certificate (EHC) update.

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Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) about the need to exclusively use Animal Health Regulation (AHR) Export Health Certificates (EHCs) from the beginning of May, and about the publication of revised EHCs for raw milk, raw milk products and dairy products.

Background

2. Since 15 January 2022 businesses have needed to use the AHR EHCs for goods exported from Great Britain (GB) to the EU or moved to Northern Ireland (NI) if an EHC is required. EHCs used by Authorised Traders to move prohibited and restricted (P&R) goods to NI have been unaffected by these changes.
3. A small number of pre-AHR EHCs were retained for use between 15 January 2022 and the end of April where EU Border Control Posts (BCPs) were willing to accept them. This was in line with an EU request that Member States show flexibility and allow continued use of pre-AHR EHCs.
4. These remaining pre-AHR EHCs were switched off on EHC Online on 29 April 2022. The specific EHCs switched off are listed under 'further information'. Alternative EHCs are available for all the products covered by the EHCs that have been switched off.

Certifier actions

5. You will have been notified directly of these changes if you had any open applications for one of the affected EHCs.
6. If you had an open application for one of these EHCs you will still be able to access it on your dashboard. The certificate **should not** be used as EU Border Control Posts (BCPs) are no longer able to accept pre-AHR EHCs.
7. If you have any 'open' certificates from the affected EHCs on EHC Online that were used prior to the switch off, you should 'close' them as normal.

Revised Dairy EHCs

8. Revised EHCs for raw milk, products from raw milk and dairy products were published by APHA on 28 April 2022. These are EHCs [8467](#), [8468](#) and [8469](#).
9. The revised EHCs amend the residency requirements found in EHCs [8353](#), [8354](#) and [8356](#). The updated certificates introduce inclusive 'and/or' statements relating the residency of the animals that have provided the milk, or milk within the product, being certified. These are simpler for OVAs to certify than the exclusive 'either/or' statements contained in EHCs 8353, 8354 and 8356.
10. The revised dairy EHCs also facilitate the certification of product containing EU or Rest of World origin milk from a suitably listed third country, so long as the product has been subject to processing (as defined in the Notes for Guidance) in Great Britain. This is not possible using EHCs 8353, 8354 and 8356.
11. Notes for Guidance for the revised EHCs explain how the revised attestations can be certified.
12. EHCs 8467, 8468 and 8469 are not yet formally in EU law. This means EU BCPs do not have to accept them yet, however the European Commission has requested that Member States do so. **Traders should therefore seek confirmation from the BCP of entry that the certificate will be accepted before using one of the revised EHCs.**
13. The revised EHCs are also **only available in English** currently. Foreign language versions will be made available in the coming weeks once the EU produce official translations.
14. Defra has received confirmation from the Irish, Dutch and French authorities that their Border Control Posts will accept the revised EHCs before they formally enter

EU law. DAERA have also confirmed that they will accept the revised certificates for consignments moved to Northern Ireland.

15. To accept the revised certificates, the French authorities require a version of the EHC in French. As an official translation is not currently available, Defra has produced an [unofficial translation of EHC 8468](#). This will enable the use of this EHC for consignments entering the EU via France. Similar unofficial translations will follow this week for EHCs 8467 and 8469. These will be available on the relevant Form Finder pages.

16. Guidance notes on the document explain how the unofficial translation of EHC should be completed.

- a. As this document is not an official certificate, **it must not be signed or stamped.**
- b. The OV should complete the English version of EHC 8468 as normal, sign and stamp it. The information regarding the consignment should then be replicated in the unofficial translation. Where statements need to be struck though this should be done but strike throughs **must not be stamped and initialled.**
- c. The unofficial translation does not form part of the official certificate, so the pages should not be included in the page numbering of the certificate.
- d. The unofficial translation should be annexed to the official certificate (in English) and accompany the consignment to the Border Control Post.

17. This arrangement is an interim solution. Once official translations of the updated EHCs are available from the EU, the unofficial translations will be removed from Form Finder.

Further Information

- APHA's Centre for International Trade – Carlisle, email: exports@apha.gov.uk
Telephone: 03000 300 201
- The EHCs removed from Form Finder and EHC Online on 29 April 2022 covered:
 - Poultry meat – EHCs 8290 & 8296
 - Meat preparations – EHCs 8256 & 8257
 - Meat products – EHCs 8254 & 8255
 - Milk, raw milk products, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum based products – EHCs 8280, 8283, 8284 8285, 8286 & 8287

- Hatching eggs of poultry – EHC 8294
- Certain bovine and ovine germinal products – EHCs 8201, 8202, 8203, 8208, 8209, 8210, 8211 & 8212.

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