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Reminder to Official Veterinarians (OVs) of the requirements for certification of pork exports to China from approved and associated establishments

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Purpose

Certifying Official Veterinarians (OVs) are advised that the conditions for export of pork to China are complex and demanding. It is of paramount importance that all requirements continue to be adhered to in full, as detailed in the Export Health Certificate (EHC) 7006 Notes for Guidance.

- **UK establishments approved by the General Administration of Customs China (GACC):** For exporting pork to China, each establishment in the supply chain must be included on the current list of approved establishments maintained by the People's Republic of China (PRC) Veterinary authorities. No product should be exported to China from any establishment that has been suspended for export by the GACC until this suspension is lifted.
- **Associated establishments:** Pork product destined for China must only move through associated approved abattoirs, cutting plants and cold stores. The PRC maintain a list of associated UK establishments, available [here](#).
- **UK OVs approved by GACC:** Each OV must be included on the current list of approved OVs maintained by the PRC Veterinary authorities. GACC requires that only OVs that are approved by GACC can sign 7006EHCs from the cold stores that they are listed against. OVs cannot commence export health certification until confirmation of approval is received from the GACC.
- **Approval numbers:** The 'UK' prefix and 'EC' suffix should no longer be included in the UK Approval Number. 7006 EHCs, labels and any other paperwork making

specific reference to an approved UK site should only refer to 2093, 9045, NE028 etc. The approval number is to mirror the list of UK establishments approved to export to China in 7006EHC part 5, [Annex 2](#). This is relevant to establishment approval reference and is different and separate to health and ID marks.

Action

To note and ensure compliance with the above for all exports of pork to China.

Further Information

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