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Export Health Certificates made available in EU languages

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Purpose

To inform certifying officers about changes to the Export Health Certificates (EHCs) for raw milk and dairy products. Specifically:

- The release of EHCs [8467](#), [8468](#) and [8469](#) on EHC Online in languages other than English
- To confirm arrangements for the removal of EHCs [8353](#), [8354](#) and [8356](#) from Form Finder and EHC Online
- To confirm arrangements for the removal of the unofficial French translations of EHCs 8467, 8468 and 8469 from Form Finder.

Background

1. Export Health Certificates 8467, 8468 and 8469 were recently updated. This amended the residency requirements for animals that have provided the milk, or milk within the product, that is being certified.
2. Defra initially made these updated EHCs available in English to GB traders where EU Member States were willing to accept them. This was until the European Commission produced formal translations and they were published in EU law.
3. Export Health Certificates (EHCs) 8467, 8468 and 8469 were made available in all EU languages on 6 June 2022 after being published in EU law. As a result, they can now be used by GB exporters for trade with all EU Member States.
4. There have been no changes to the content of the English versions of these EHCs.

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.

5. As an official French translation of EHCs 8467, 8468 and 8469 is now issued with every new application for one of these EHCs, the unofficial French translations of these EHCs are also no longer needed. They will be removed from the form finder on GOV.UK on 14 June 2022.

Certifier Actions

1. Certifiers should ensure that any exports entering the EU via a French BCP on EHCs 8467, 8468 or 8469 associated with applications made on EHC Online before 1pm on Monday 6 June arrive at the BCP before the end of Tuesday 14 June. From 15 June, French BCPs will require the official translation of these EHCs which will only be produced by EHC Online if the relevant application was made from 1pm on Monday 6 June. If a consignment is not due to arrive at the BCP by this time, a new application for EHC 8467, 8468 or 8469 should be made so an official translation of the EHC is automatically provided.
2. Certifiers should note that applications for EHCs 8353, 8354 and 8356 will no longer be possible from the end of Wednesday 22 June. These certificates will still be accepted at EU Border Control Posts until 15 February 2023 so long as they are signed by 15 November 2022.

Further Information

You can find a list of available EHCs [here](#).

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