



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

APHA Briefing Note 23/20

Cancel and Replacement of Export Health Certificates

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Purpose

1. To inform Certifying Officers (Official Veterinarians (OVs) and Environmental Health Officers (EHO)) located in England, Scotland and Wales of a change of procedure being introduced for the application of a cancel and replacement Export Health Certificate (EHC).

Background

2. The Centre for International Trade - Carlisle (CITC) issue replacement certificates in situations where there is a genuine requirement to do so. A request for a replacement certificate to be issued must be done so by submitting a completed Application for the Issue of a Cancel and Replacement Export Health Certificate ([ET135](#)) to CITC. Replacement certificates are not issued automatically, and other possible solutions will be explored first. Replacement certificates will only be issued where the certificates justify their use and after consultation with an APHA Veterinarian in the CITC.

New Procedures for applying for a replacement Export Health Certificate

3. All cancel and replace requests must be made by the certifier. Upon requesting a replacement certificate, the certifier must include a completed

ET135 application and a copy of the original certificate which should bear a clear indication that this certificate has been cancelled.

4. A replacement certificate will not be considered if the original certificate has not been signed and the consignment has been dispatched from the United Kingdom, therefore if any certificates are classed as 'lost in post', a new application must be submitted, adhering to the required turnaround times.
5. Any requests for a cancel and replace that are not applied for by the certifier will be rejected and no further action will be taken upon the request.
6. The new procedures will be implemented from the 10th of August 2020.

Further Information

- Additional guidance for Certifiers can be found on the Certification Procedures page in the Exports guidance on the APHA [Vet Gateway](#)
- Guidance for Certifiers registered to use the Export Health Certificates (EHC) Online service can be found on the EHC Online page of the APHA [Vet Gateway](#), which includes a [Certifiers Quick Reference Guide for Cancellation and Replacement of an Export Health Certificate](#).
- Any queries relating to replacement Export Health Certification should be sent to: exports@apha.gov.uk

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