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Advice on Accessing the Example AHC and Updated Training For the OCQ(V) - Companion Animals (CA).

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Purpose

To remind OV's that, following the UK's exit from the EU, the OCQ(V) - CA (Companion Animals) and OCQ(V) - CAr (Companion Animals revalidation) courses were updated in April. New information has been added in order to reflect changes in legislation and the courses now include the latest guidance on how to complete an AHC and an EHC to the EU.

To provide additional advice to OV's of how to access the updated OCQ(V) - CA/CAr training, including access to a quick reference guide to assist in completion of export certification for companion animals moving to the EU.

To remind OV's that they have continued access to their online training courses up until six months before their next revalidation due date. They can return to these at any time to review the information and check for recent updates.

Background

Following the update of the OCQ(V) - CA in April, Improve International contacted all CA OV's by email to inform them of how to access the new training material and, specifically, how to navigate to the latest guidance on how to complete an AHC and an EHC to the EU.

It is important that OV's are familiar with the new requirements and are confident in completing the certification.

OVs should note that the updated information is accessible in the course that they have most recently completed: it is **not** an entirely new course to complete (and therefore they do not need to take or retake an exam).

All OVs who are authorised by APHA to undertake companion animal exports can access the new training material free of charge, either through the CA or CAr course that they last completed. The only exception to this is OVs who are due to revalidate within the next six months, who need to enrol on the CA revalidation (CAr) training before they can view the new information.

The updated training includes:

- information on changes in legislation
- the latest guidance on how to complete an AHC and EHC to the EU
- an example AHC and EHC to the EU (including printable PDF versions)
- a printable quick reference guide for the completion of an AHC and an EHC to the EU

The course can be accessed as follows:

1. Log in to your Personal Training Dashboard at www.improve-ov.com
2. Access your online learning, either by scrolling down to the 'Access online learning' button on your overview page or by clicking through to your CA/CAr training details page.
3. Once on Moodle (the online learning platform), scroll down to view your courses.
4. Select OCQ(V) - CA/OCQ(V) - CAr

To access the specific AHC/EHC guidance:

5. Go to Module 6 (CA) or Module 5 (CAr)
6. Scroll down to 'Example AHC' or 'Example EHC' and click through the tabs and buttons to view the guidance for each page

To access the quick reference guides for completion:

7. For the AHC, go to the end of section 6.2 (CA) or section 5.2 (CAr)
8. For the EHC, go to the end of section 6.3 (CA) or section 5.3 (CAr)
9. Press the 'Click to open the quick reference document' button to open the PDF

Guidance on corrections/deletions, page numbering and stamping (fan stamping is no longer accepted for EU export certificates) can be found in Module 5 (CA) or Module 4 (CAr).

OVs are also reminded that they may find it helpful to check the Exports Forum for relevant discussions and guidance – this can be accessed from the top bar of the OV Moodle/online learning site.

Action

For those who have not already done so, CA OVs are encouraged to access the training at their earliest opportunity to familiarise themselves with the new requirements. APHA also advises that OVs view the quick reference guide to assist in the completion of AHCs. Copies may be printed for reference, but OVs are reminded to regularly check NFGs and the latest guidance to ensure that they are not using out-of-date information.

Further Information

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