



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

APHA Briefing Note 37/20

Certification: Webinars and Live Q&As with expert panel

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Purpose

1. Recorded webinars and live Q&A sessions with an expert panel are available to provide further information on certification of exports from GB to the EU from 1st January.

Background

2. Following the end of the Transition Period, animals and animal products will require export health certification for export to the EU. Vets will play a key role in ensuring that businesses can continue to trade with the EU after the Transition Period.
3. We have recorded a [webinar](#) with certification information on exports from GB to the EU from 1st January. This includes information on Export Health Certificates, an EHC Online demonstration and changes to the Animal Health Regulation. There will be a block certification guidance video available shortly and guidance on this is available on [GOV.UK](#)
4. We would encourage both existing OV's authorised to certify exports and vets who may be considering certification, to view the webinars first and then register for the live Q&A sessions.
5. We will be holding two live Q&A sessions for OV's with a panel of experts to answer your questions. We have also recorded a [webinar](#) for Local Authority Certifying Officers (FCCOs) and are also holding a live Q&A session for them. This is open to OV's that certify fish and fishery products or those who may be interested in doing so.

View recorded webinars

6. [Recorded webinar for OV's](#)
7. [Recorded webinar for Local Authorities](#)

Register for live Q&A sessions

8. Please register for as many of the Q&A sessions below as relevant:

Title of session	Description	Who should attend	Date	Time	Register here
Q&A on export of Products of an Animal Origin (POAO) and Animal By Products (ABP)	Panel of experts from Defra and APHA will answer OV's questions on export of POAO and ABPs to EU	OVs certifying POAO and/or ABPs	Monday 14 December	2-3pm	https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJEoc-ytqzwpHdHEp9h4nXawdwbPOZ-t0t-3
Q&A on export of live animals and germplasm	Panel of experts from Defra and APHA will answer OV's questions on export of live animals and germplasm to EU	OVs certifying live animals and germplasm	Tuesday 15 December	2-3pm	https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJcpcOiqpj8pHt2spPJGP7VHg3xlLHiKYCAJ
Q&A for Local Authority Certifying Officers (FCCOs)	Panel of experts from Defra and APHA will answer FCCOs questions on	FCCOs and OVs interested in certification of fish and fishery products for human	Wednesday 16 December	9.30-10.30am	https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJAld-iuqDotGNHy2dzjzDtRDW2swMIBMZn

	exporting fish and fishery products to EU	consumption			
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How to register for the live Q&A session

9. Instructions for registering for the live Q&A sessions:
- Please choose the live Q&As sessions you wish to attend from the list above
 - To join your chosen session simply select the link in the 'Register here' column at your preferred time and date
 - Once selected, you will be asked to confirm your name, email address, and organisation.
 - This will register you for the live Q&A session with our expert panel
 - Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that will include a link to add the live Q&A session to your calendar
 - You do not need to download any software to access the session, the link will open in your browser (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge etc.)
 - Please join your chosen session 5 minutes prior to the start time

A reminder to complete your OV training

10. If you have been allocated a code by APHA to access free training required to gain designation as an OV for animal product, equine or ungulate exports, but have not yet completed the training, please do so as soon as you are able. Please remind colleagues, including CSO candidates, to do the same.
11. The training does not take long and completing it promptly will help ensure the best use of public money and support sector readiness for the end of the Transition Period.
12. The funded training scheme is still open. If you or colleagues wish to apply, please see the information on [Vet Gateway](#).

Further Information

13. For further information about the recorded webinars or the live Q&A sessions please contact: traders@defra.gov.uk