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APHA Briefing Note 41/21

New slaughterhouse Support Health Attestations

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Purpose

1. To provide an update to Official Veterinarians (OVs) on new slaughterhouse veterinary Support Health Attestations (SHAs) for the movement of domestic meat within Great Britain (GB).

Background

2. The EU is making changes to its animal health laws, therefore EHCs and the Notes for Guidance used to move goods to Northern Ireland or for export to the EU have been updated. The new Animal Health Regulation (AHR) EHCs will need to be used from 15 January 2022 for goods moved to Northern Ireland or exported to the EU from GB.
3. Most of the new AHR EHCs are already available alongside the existing EHCs. Until 15 January 2021 traders can choose whether to use the existing or new AHR EHCs. We are encouraging exporters to begin the process of moving towards using the new EHCs in a manner and time suitable to their business but in readiness for full switchover from 15 Jan 2022.
4. The slaughterhouse SHAs for the movement of domestic meat within GB have been updated to reflect the AHR changes to ensure that the correct information is captured at abattoirs and available to meet the requirements of the AHR EHCs.

Updated SHAs

5. The new AHR SHAs have been published and are now available to use:
 - [ET218: AHR - SHA for Bovine](#)
 - [ET219: AHR - SHA for Ovine](#)
 - [ET220: AHR - SHA for Porcine](#)

- [ET221: AHR - SHA for Poultry](#)
6. The new AHR SHAs will ensure the appropriate catalogue of data for meat products is being captured and is available for the AHR EHCs.
 7. As there is dual running of existing and AHR EHCs, the updated SHAs can be used for both the existing and new AHR EHCs. The existing SHAs will not continue to run alongside the AHR SHAs.
 8. **From 4 October 2021, all vets at abattoirs should use the new AHR SHAs as listed above.** SHAs ET-202 to ET-205 should not be used from this date.
 9. The meat industry should be encouraged to use the new AHR SHAs rather than creating their own documents.

Further information

10. There is information on the key changes to the AHR EHCs available in [this briefing note](#).
11. The relevant Notes for Guidance are:
 - [Bovine](#)
 - [Ovine](#)
 - [Porcine](#)
 - [Poultry](#)
12. If you have any questions about the new SHAs please contact: traders@defra.gov.uk