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Guidance for Completion of Part I of Export Health Certificates (EHCs)

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Purpose

To provide information to Official Veterinarians (OVs) on the current requirements in relation to the correct guidance to use for completing part I of EHCs.

Background

Export Health Certificates (EHCs) are outlined in EU legislation and accompanied by 'Notes for Completion' which explain which information should be included in Part I of the certificate.

The EHCs available for EU and Northern Ireland trade originate in a number of different pieces of EU legislation. We are aware that OVs are sometimes unsure as to which 'Notes for Completion' for Part I of an EHC to follow.

This note aims to clarify the relevant 'Notes for Completion' to use for each type of EHC.

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OVs should use the following guidance when they complete part I of EHCs:

For products of animal origin and live animals:

- For pre-Animal Health Regulations (AHR) EHCs –
 - If the EHC has 28 boxes in part I (for example [8261 EHC](#)), then the guidance to follow for completing this part is in [Decision 2007/240/EC](#).

- If the EHC has 25 boxes in part I (for example [8270 EHC](#)) the guidance to follow is in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/628](#).
- For post AHR EHCs (with 27 boxes in part I - for example [8368 EHC](#)), then the guidance to follow is in chapter 4 of [Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/2235](#) (page 36).

Although Decision 2007/240/EC and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628 are not in force, they will still apply for all pre-AHR EHCs. The AHR EHCs have different box numbering.

Animal by-products EHCs have not been affected by AHR, to complete part I of these EHCs certifiers should, in the first instance, refer to the footnotes provided in the EHCs themselves, as outlined in Commission Regulation 142/2011. The EU Commission have confirmed that in due course the ABP EHCs will be updated to align to AHR models and at that point the 'Notes for Completion' in Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/2235 should be followed. In the meantime, we would suggest referring to the 'Notes for Completion' in Decision 2007/240/EC where the specific certificates in 142/2011 do not indicate the correct information to provide.