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## APHA Briefing Note 53/22

### Introduction of Amended Composite EHCs

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#### Purpose

To notify of a change to Export Health Certificates (EHCs) for exports of composite products to the European Union (EU) and Northern Ireland effective from 16 December 2022 and to advise of the transitional period.

#### Background

##### **Upcoming changes to EHCs for composite products exported to the EU or moved to Northern Ireland**

1. From 16 December 2022 Traders will need to use updated versions of EHCs 8350 and 8351 for composite products exported from GB to the EU or moved to Northern Ireland.
2. The new certificates remove the requirement to indicate the production dates of the dairy products and colostrum-based products contained in the composite products, in light of the description on footnote (2) covering all constituents of animal origin.
3. The new certificates have added HTST (High Temperature Short Time) pasteurisation of milk with a pH below 7,0 and option for HTST pasteurisation treatment combined with another physical treatment. Heat treatments required in the dairy products animal health attestation are aligned with the treatments laid down in Annex XXVII to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692

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4. Footnote (10) adds the requirement that milk products in the composite product from raw milk originate and are produced in the zone(s) listed in Annex XVII, Part 1 of EU [Regulation 2021/404](#).
5. EHC 8350 under II.3.A point 3 has added and/or allowing more than one option to be certified.
6. 8350 footnote (11) has been expanded to list the regulations the establishment that must be approved in accordance with [Article 4\(2\) of Regulation \(EC\) No 853/2004](#).
7. 8350 Footnote (12) clarifies the legislation, that the country of origin must be approved to export fishery products to the EU in Annex IX of 2021/405, and for fishery products derived from live bivalve molluscs the country of origin must be approved to export to the EU in Annex VIII of 2021/405.
8. In EHC 8351 the requirement to indicate the approval number of the establishment of origin of dairy products contained in the composite products transiting through the Union has been removed, as the Union is not a final destination of those composite products.
9. The old certificates can continue to be used for a transitional period until 15 April 2023 providing that the certificate was issued no later than 15 January 2023.

## Further Information

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