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杜局長文珍鈞鑒：

為提升輸出動物及動物性產品之效率及安全，英國將於2022(本)年4月18日就輸台的活體動物及動物性產品實施新版檢疫證(Export Health Certificates for the export of live animals and products of animal origin from the United Kingdom)及相關配套措施。有關更多上述措施的詳細說明，請參考英國最高獸醫官 Prof. Christine Middlemiss 之親筆信函(詳附件)。

新版檢疫證樣張(詳 Annex A)將使用白色紙張印刷並加上浮水印(dithered watermark)，然新版檢疫證上的文字內容與舊版檢疫證一致並無分別。另設置一線上檢疫證查核系統: Check a UK EHC，協助邊境人員核實檢疫證，相關使用說明請見 Annex B。有關上述最新措施，請查照惠復，並轉知相關單位辦理。

如果有任何問題，歡迎您隨時與英國在台辦事處聯絡(聯絡人:繁榮基金專員王思詠，02 8758 2045；Sarah.Wang@fcdo.gov.uk)。

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Dear Dr Tu,

New format of Export Health Certificates for the export of live animals and products of animal origin from the United Kingdom

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to you as the United Kingdom (UK) will soon be implementing changes to the format of the vast majority of export Health Certificates used for the export of consignments of live animals and products of animal origin from the UK to your country. There are absolutely no changes to the content of any Export Health Certificates (EHCs).

The new format will replace the pale yellow 'Crown Gold' paper traditionally used for EHCs from the UK. Instead, EHCs will be printed on white paper and each certificate will have two specific security features that are embedded digitally in the EHC, in the form of what is known as a dithered watermark.

When the new format EHC is printed this dithered watermark appears underneath the usual text content of every page of the certificate, and is composed of two visible design elements:

- A crown design
- A diagonal pattern created by a repetition of the specific EHC reference number.

These designs will provide the same security assurances as a physical watermark - please see an example of this new format and design at Annex A.

In addition, we are introducing a new, online 'Check a UK EHC' verification service. This service will allow your border officials to verify UK EHCs in a quick and efficient manner - please see a reference guide attached at Annex B.

We do not expect every EHC from the UK to be checked using this new online service. Instead, the service is intended to provide additional assurances where they would be helpful to your border officials working on imports.

We believe the new format EHC, alongside the new online verification service, will make the export of animals and animal products more efficient and safer for all. We hope to implement the change to the format of UK EHCs used for exports to your country from 18th April 2022.

Finally, please note that the change to the format of EHCs will only be implemented for certificates that are in regular use for exports from the UK. Where a certificate is rarely used, or for only a single time (e.g. for certain zoo animals), the EHC will continue to be printed on Crown Gold paper. As described before, there are no changes to the content of any EHCs.

I would be most grateful if you could confirm your receipt of these changes and share the information with relevant officials in your country. Additionally, my team would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. and these should be e-mailed to the MarketAccess@defra.gov.uk mailbox.

Yours sincerely



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Annex A: Example of the new format of UK Export Health Certificate (EHC)



Example DWM
EHC.pdf

Annex B: Guidance document for the UK's new, online "Check a UK EHC" digital service



Check a UK EHC
Service - Step by Ste



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EXPORT OF DAIRY AND DAIRY PRODUCTS (OTHER THAN RAW MILK CHEESE¹) TO AUSTRALIA

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

a) Product description (product name and commodity type):

ASC

b) Type and number of packages:

23

c) Net weight of consignment: 1200

d) Identification marks (serial numbers, batch numbers):

IHJ31

e) Date of manufacture:

f) Shipping marks (container no., seal no.):

DCC

g) Means of transportation (name of vessel):

DCS

II. ORIGIN OF PRODUCT AND PRODUCT COMPONENTS

a) Species of origin of the raw milk from which each of the milk derived components of the product originated:

ASC

b) Country/countries of origin of the raw milk from which each of the milk derived components of the product originated:

ACSAC

c) The dairy ingredients were manufactured (including, but not limited to, processing, packaging, labelling, and storage) in:

ADCADSC

- d) Name, location and authorised approval/registration number of the establishment/s from which the **raw milk** was processed:

CACASC

- e) Name, address and authorised approval/registration number of the establishment where the **export product** is processed:

ASCASC

- f) Name and address of exporter:

SDFV

III. DESTINATION OF THE PRODUCTS

- a) Import Permit Number and Expiry Date (if permit required):

IMP-0091

- b) Name and address of consignee:

DSVCSDC

- c) Name and contact number of consignee representative (if import agent used):

IV. HEALTH INFORMATION

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, certify that:

A) *in the case of cheese (other than raw milk cheese¹) and/or butter (unless not assessed as 'cheese or butter' in the Import Permit conditions)

- i) the milk from which the cheese and/or butter was made is of *bovine and/or *ovine and/or *caprine origin only;
- ii) the milk from which the cheese and/or butter was made originated only from animals resident in country/ies indicated in Paragraph II. b) above, which:
 - a. is/are approved by the Australian Director of Biosecurity as free from foot-and-mouth disease²;
- iii) **either:**
 - a. *the country/ies of origin has controls in place to ensure only healthy animals are used for milk production;
 - or:**
 - b. *the animals were clinically healthy at the time the milk was obtained;
- iv) the cheese and/or butter was manufactured (manufacturing includes all steps prior to certification. This includes, but not limited to, processing, packaging, labelling and storage) only in country/ies indicated in Paragraph II. c) above, which:
 - a. is/are approved by the Australian Director of Biosecurity as free from foot and mouth disease²;
- v) the milk from which the cheese and/or butter was made was subjected to one of the following heat treatments:

EITHER:

- a. *Pasteurisation at 72 °C for a minimum of 15 seconds;

or:

- b. *UHT treatment of 135 °C for a minimum of 1 second;

or:

- c. *an alternative heat treatment equivalent to pasteurisation of milk as stated on the Australian import permit:
[insert type of heat treatment and ingredient, e.g. pasteurisation of cream] at °C [temperature] for a minimum of seconds [time];

OR

*The milk from which the cheese and/or butter was made was not heat treated as described above³;

vi) **either:**

- a. *the packaging or immediate container is stamped with the date of manufacture;

or:

- b. *a consignment specific manufacturer's declaration with the date of manufacture for each batch or lot number was provided to the official veterinarian;

(Note: for cheese, the date of manufacture is the date the curd was set, or after).

B) *in the case of dairy or dairy based products (unless specifically assessed as 'cheese or butter' or 'retorted products' in the Import Permit conditions):

- i) the milk from which the dairy ingredients were made is of *bovine and/or *ovine and/or *caprine origin only;
- ii) the milk from which the dairy ingredients were made originated only from animals resident in country/ies indicated in Paragraph II. b) above, which:
 - a. is/are approved by the Australian Director of Biosecurity as free from foot-and-mouth disease²;
 - and
 - b. *if product contains dairy ingredients of bovine origin, is/are approved by the Australian Director of Biosecurity as free from lumpy skin disease⁴;
 - and
 - c. *if product contains dairy ingredients of ovine/caprine origin, is/are approved by the Australian Director of Biosecurity as free from sheep pox and goat pox⁵;
- iii) either:
 - a. *the country/ies of origin has controls in place to ensure only healthy animals are used for milk production;
 - or:
 - b. *the animals were clinically healthy at the time the milk was obtained;
- iv) the dairy ingredients were manufactured (manufacturing includes all steps prior to certification. This includes, but not limited to, processing, packaging, labelling and storage) only in country/ies indicated in Paragraph II. c) above, which:
 - a. is/are approved by the Australian Director of Biosecurity as free from foot and mouth disease²;
 - and
 - b. *if product contains dairy ingredients of bovine origin, is/are approved by the Australian Director of Biosecurity as free from lumpy skin disease⁴;
 - and
 - c. *if product contains dairy ingredients of ovine/caprine origin, is/are approved by the Australian Director of Biosecurity as free from sheep pox and goat pox⁵;
- v) the milk from which the dairy ingredients were made was subjected to one of the following heat treatments:
 - either:
 - a. *Pasteurisation at 72 °C for a minimum of 15 seconds;
 - or:
 - b. *UHT treatment of 135 °C for a minimum of 1 second;
 - or:
 - c. *an alternative heat treatment equivalent to pasteurisation of milk as stated on the Australian import permit:

[insert type of heat treatment and
ingredient, e.g. pasteurisation of cream] at °C [temperature]
for a minimum of seconds [time].

- vi) **either:**
- a. *the packaging or immediate container is stamped with the date of manufacture;
 - or:**
 - b. *a consignment specific manufacturer's declaration with the date of manufacture for each batch or lot number was provided to the official veterinarian.

*Delete as appropriate

¹ This certificate does not apply to raw milk cheese, as defined in Australian legislation in the *Imported Food Control Order 2019* (legislation.gov.au/Series/F2019L01233).

² As specified in the FMD-Free Country List prepared by the Director of Biosecurity and published on the Agriculture Department's website (agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/legislation/fmd-free-country-list).

³ Goods which are not certified as being heat treated as described above will not be released from Australian biosecurity control until the conclusion of 30 days from the date of manufacture (curd set).

⁴ As specified in the LSD-Free Country List prepared by the Director of Biosecurity and published on the Agriculture Department's website (agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/legislation/lsd-free-country-list).

⁵ As specified in the Sheep Pox and Goat Pox-Free Country List prepared by the Director of Biosecurity and published on the Agriculture Department's website (agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/legislation/sheep-goat-pox-free-country-list).

Date:..... Signed:RCVS

Stamp:

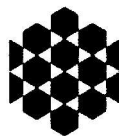
Name in
block letters:

.....
Official Veterinarian

Address:.....
.....



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Check a United Kingdom (UK) Export Health Certificate (EHC) Service

**Quick reference guide for how to
use the Check a UK EHC Service**

**To be used by importing Competent
Authorities**

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Step by step guide on how to use the Check a UK EHC Service

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is an executive agency of the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government and Welsh Government.

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Introduction to 'Check a UK EHC' service

Export Health Certificates (EHCs) for animals and animal products from the United Kingdom (UK) are normally issued using Crown Vellum Watermarked security paper (also known as Crown Gold) to provide anti-fraud assurance to importing Competent Authorities of the authenticity of UK certification.

UK EHCs are issued by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) for consignments originating in England, Scotland and Wales and by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for consignments originating in Northern Ireland.

As part of a Private Beta, the Department for Environment, Food and rural Affairs (Defra) is introducing a new format EHC which is more efficient for exporters/certifiers, while also providing continued reassurance to the UK's global trading partners as regards the authenticity of the certificate.

This new format includes a dithered watermark—which replicates the assurance given by Crown Gold paper—while adding an additional 'Check a UK EHC' verification service, for border officials to check the authenticity of a certificate, and validate that the certificate was issued by APHA or DAERA.

This quick reference guide provides guidance for importing Competent Authorities, in using the service to confirm the authenticity of a UK EHC.

Hints and tips for using the service

Please note the following hints and tips before using the service:

- The Check a UK EHC Service will not verify the information provided within the EHC, and does not supersede the existing controls and inspections performed by the importing Competent Authority. The service will verify that the EHC has been issued by the UK Competent Authority and has not been fraudulently issued or produced
- You can only use the service for certificates which have a 12-digit number printed in the top right hand corner of the first page of the EHC, for example 2123-4567-8905
- You cannot use the service for EHCs which are printed on Crown Gold paper or do not have a 12-digit number printed on them
- There are two EHC verification services available to use depending on where in the UK the certificate was issued – see section [How to access the service](#) for further information
- You need to enter two numbers from the first page of the certificate to use the service. An error message will be displayed if you do not enter a 12-digit number (including hyphens) when prompted
- An error message will be displayed if you do not enter a 9-digit certificate number (including obliques) when prompted

How to access the service

There are two UK EHC verification services available to use for:

1. EHCs issued by APHA for exports from England, Scotland and Wales
2. EHCs issued by DAERA for exports from Northern Ireland

All border officials within your Competent Authority who are responsible for completing inspections on goods from the UK can use the verification service. You do not need to register or sign in to the service to use it.

EHCs issued by APHA

Click on the link below to access the service for EHCs issued by APHA for exports from England, Scotland and Wales:

<https://check.apply-export-health-certificate.service.gov.uk>

You should use this service for EHCs that have a 12-digit number that start with 2, for example 2123-4567-8905

EHCs issued by DAERA

Click on the link below to access the service for EHCs issued by DAERA for exports from Northern Ireland:

<https://selfservice.daera-ni.gov.uk/Daera/Forms/#/ValidateCertificate>

You should use this service for EHCs that have a 12-digit number that start with 3, for example 3624-6734-1256

Step by step guide to use the APHA service

Check an APHA EHC

3. Once you have accessed the service, click on the green **Start Now** button
4. Enter the 12-digit number from the certificate (including hyphens ' - ') and click **Submit**
5. Enter the 9-digit certificate number (including obliques ' / ') from the first page of the certificate and click **Continue** to check the EHC
6. If the EHC is authentic, the service displays a message 'Yes, this certificate is valid' and presents the following information:
 - a. 12-digit number
 - b. 9-digit certificate number
 - c. Destination country

d. Certificate name

7. If an authentic EHC has been previously checked, the service will also display a message '**This certificate was previously checked on [date]**'. This is an extra security step to highlight any possible fraudulent use of an EHC which has been tampered with in an attempt to reuse the EHC
8. If you are concerned that the certificate information presented from the check does not match the details of the original, wet signed and stamped EHC in your possession (for example, the destination country is incorrect), email exports@apha.gov.uk including a photograph or scanned image of the certificate. Include the words 'EHC Verification Service Query' in the subject line of any email queries.
9. If the information entered into the service does not match a UK certificate, it may be fraudulent, and the service displays a message '**This isn't a valid certificate**' and presents the following information:
 - a. 12-digit number
 - b. 9-digit certificate number
10. If there has been a mistake entering the information, click on the blue hyperlink **enter the certificate number again**, and repeat the steps to check the EHC
11. If you believe the certificate is fraudulent, email exports@apha.gov.uk including a photograph or scanned image of the certificate. Include the words 'EHC Verification Service Query' in the subject line of any email queries.

Check more EHCs

Once you have completed the steps to check an EHC, you can check another by clicking on the blue hyperlink **check another certificate** and repeat the steps in section Check an APHA EHC.

Step by step guide to use the DAERA service

Check a DAERA EHC

1. Once you have accessed the service, click on the green **Start Now** button
2. Enter the 12-digit number from the certificate (including hyphens ' – ') and click **Submit**
3. Enter the 9-digit certificate number (including obliques ' / ') from the first page of the certificate and click **Continue** to check the EHC
4. Note: You can click the blue **Go Back** button at any time to return to the previous page
5. If the EHC is authentic, the service displays a message '**Yes, this certificate is valid**' and presents the following information:
 - e. 12-digit number
 - f. Certificate number
 - g. Destination country
 - h. Form number
 - i. Certificate name

6. If an authentic EHC has been previously checked, the service will also display a message '**This certificate was previously checked on [date] [Time]**'. This is an extra security step to highlight any possible fraudulent use of an EHC which has been tampered with in an attempt to reuse the EHC
7. If you are concerned that the certificate information presented from the check does not match the details of the original, wet signed and stamped EHC (for example, the Destination Country is incorrect), email DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk including a photograph or scanned image of the certificate. Include the words 'EHC Verification Service Query' in the subject line of any email queries.
8. If the information entered into the service does not match a UK certificate, it may be fraudulent, and the service displays a message '**This isn't a valid certificate**' and presents the following information:
 - c. 12-digit number
 - d. Certificate number
9. If there has been a mistake entering the information, click on the blue hyperlink **enter the certificate number again**, and repeat the steps to check the EHC
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Check more EHCs

Once you have completed the steps to check an EHC, you can check another by clicking on the green button **check another certificate** and repeat the steps in section [Check a DAERA EHC](#).