

DAERA SUPPORT HEALTH ATTESTATION (SHA) – EXPORTER GUIDE



SYSTEM GUIDANCE AND USEFUL INFORMATION

MOVEMENT OF FOOD PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN AND ANIMAL BY PRODUCTS TO GB FOR LATER ONWARD EXPORT TO EU/NI FROM GB

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MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

Exports of Products of Animal Origin (POAO) from GB to the EU, including product moved from GB to NI, require an Export Health Certificate (EHC) from GB to demonstrate compliance with EU import requirements. EHCs are not required for POAO from NI to enter GB.

Where POAO originating in NI is intended for further export from GB to the EU, or movement back to NI, then NI to GB movements of POAO may require a **Support Health Attestation (SHA)** or in some cases a **Support Attestation (SA)**.

These provide the necessary sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) assurances for completion of the final EHC in GB for entry to the EU. SHAs or SAs should be provided **only** where there is a request from GB importers for such support for their authorised **Certifying Officers (CO)**, to facilitate onward exports from GB to EU/NI.

You can access the most up to date animal / animal product export information and guidance on the [DAERA Website](#)

A SHA is signed by a CO and will provide the necessary SPS assurances to allow completion of the final EHC in GB.

You can obtain a SHA from a CO by using the DAERA online application process outlined in this guide.

This guidance is intended to provide an overview of the process of applying online for a SHA.

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Introducing SHA Online

SHA Online is the new, updated online application system for obtaining a Support Health Attestation in Northern Ireland, which replaced the previous SHA system in December 2025.

This system continues to underpin the delivery of Support (Health) Attestations provided by:

- the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA),
- Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) and,
- Local Authority Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) who have been trained and authorised as Food Competent Certifying Officers (FCCO) for this purpose.

You may need to obtain a SHA for intra UK movements of Products of Animal Origin (POAO), including those from NI to GB, where the final product is intended for export to the EU (excluding transit via GB land bridge)

Why use SHA Online?

- SHA Online is the digital service for Support Health Attestation applications.
- The system allows you to provide all the information needed to process your application, supporting your product movement and putting you in control.

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SHA Application Process – An Overview

- SHA Templates are available on the [DAERA Website](#).
- As the exporter, you download the SHA template and complete it, using PDF software, with your product details.
- You create an application at the [SHA Online](#) page, providing relevant movement details, uploading the completed SHA template (as a PDF) along with associated supporting documents relevant to the application.
- Application details and supporting documents are provided to the Certifying Officer (DAERA staff, aPVPs or EHOs) for review and certification.
- Once certified, the SHA will be made available to you:
 - For DAERA-processed applications, this will be managed by departmental staff.
 - For applications certified by aPVPs or EHOs, arrangements should be made directly between the exporting business and the relevant service providers.

NOTE:

- Applications **must be made at least 2 working days in advance of the intended date of dispatch**, allowing one full working day for processing - e.g., apply by Tuesday for Thursday dispatch.
- Applications can be made no more than 10 working days in advance of date of dispatch. This requirement is reflected within the **Date of Loading** section when submitting online applications.

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Before starting your application

Refer to the [DAERA webpages](#) for full information and guidance on what you need before you start your application.

To create a new application for a SHA, follow the instructions below:

- Navigate to the [SHA Online](#) web page and click on the link for SHA templates.
- Identify which template you need. You can select a standard SHA template or, if you are using a particular scheme, you can select a Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS) template or a Risk Based Fish Export Certification (RBFEC) template.

Once you have sourced the relevant template, save a copy to your desktop / local storage drive for completion.

You will need access to this completed template and all other relevant supporting documents for upload during the application process.

DAERA recommend the use of software that allows you to read and fill in a pdf document to fill in your SHA template.

TIP: You must download and save the SHA template to your desktop or local file storage facility **before** completing it.

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The associated Guidance Notes can be found on the [DAERA SHA Online website](#), providing information to exporters and certifying officers on the requirements of the template, including where additional copies are required for export.

Complete all available sections, shown in blue highlight – see below:



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

IMPORTANT: THIS SUPPORT HEALTH ATTESTATION IS NOT AN EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE. IT IS FOR USE WITHIN THE UK.

SUPPORT HEALTH ATTESTATION NUMBER:

(For Office Use Only)¹

SUPPORT HEALTH ATTESTATION (SHA) FOR THE MOVEMENT, WITHIN NORTHERN IRELAND AND FROM NORTHERN IRELAND TO GREAT BRITAIN, OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS (EXCLUDING GERMINAL PRODUCTS)

i. Identification of product

a) Detailed description of product:

Species of Animal from which Product Derived	
Nature of Product	
Type of Packaging	
Number of Packages/Units	
Net Weight	
Batch Codes*	
*Territory Code (Meat)	

b) Unique identification marks (e.g. on carcasses or packaging):

TIP: If any section is **not** relevant to your application, you should make this clear by inserting **N/A** where appropriate.

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Making an application online

Once you have completed the template and identified relevant supporting documents, return to the [SHA application webpage](#) to begin.

On this page you can access a list of premises where DAERA Certifying Officers will issue a SHA on site.

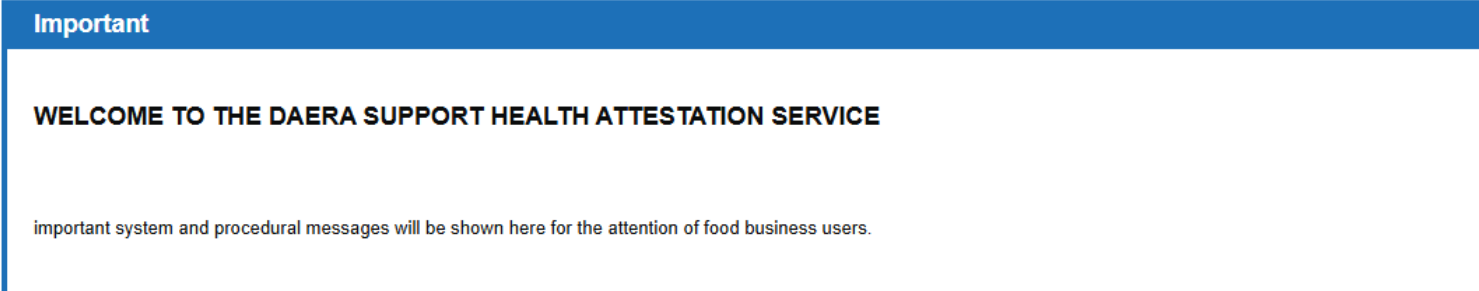
Other SHA types will be certified by aPVPs or Food Competent Certifying Officers (FCCO) within local councils.

Click the **Green button** to access the system and begin the application journey:



Start your Support Health Attestation Certificate Application >

This will take you to the application start page which also displays a Message Board, providing important SHA specific information:



Important

WELCOME TO THE DAERA SUPPORT HEALTH ATTESTATION SERVICE

important system and procedural messages will be shown here for the attention of food business users.

We recommend that businesses check regularly for new information on the SHA process and procedures that may affect your product movement.

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The screen will outline who can use the service and what will be needed to complete the application:

Who can use this service

This service is for people or organisations that move products of animal origin (POAO) from Northern Ireland to Great Britain with onward movement to the European Union (including back to Northern Ireland).

A Support Health Attestation (SHA) is signed by a Certifying Officer (CO). It provides the necessary sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) assurances to allow completion of the final Export Health Certificate (EHC) in Great Britain.

Before you start

Please have your SHA application form downloaded from [DAERA Website \(opens in a new tab\)](#) completed and ready to upload before you proceed.

You will also need to provide the following information:

- Details about the movement of goods
- Email address
- Supporting documents

Start now >

By clicking the **Start Now** button, you will be prompted to enter details of your application.

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This screen will prompt you to provide Exporter (business) name, email address, and phone number:

What are the exporter details?

Requesting Exporter Name
Enter your business name

Email Address
Where appropriate, please enter a generic business email address, instead of a personal email address linked to your business.

Confirm your email address by entering it again

Phone Number

[Save and continue](#)

Once completed, use the **Save and continue** button to progress to the next screen.

Select your SHA type then **Save and continue**:

What type of application is this?

Support Health Attestation

Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS)

Risk Based (Fish) Export Certification

[▶ Help with choosing an application type](#)

[Save and continue](#)

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What are the details of the consignment?

Commodity

Select a commodity... ▾

Certifying office

Select a commodity first... ▾

Product details

▶ [Help with product details](#)

Exporter reference (optional)

Include a reference to help identify your consignment

Export Health Certificate (EHC) reference (optional)

If this attestation supports an EHC, what is the reference number of that form?

▶ [Help on finding the EHC Form Reference Number](#)

Save and continue

Commodity – choose from a preset list of commodity groups.

Certifying Office – choose from a preset list of Processing Offices. Options are determined by the chosen Commodity. If a meat commodity is selected and the Dispatch Premises is listed here [DAERA PREMISES LIST](#) you must select DAERA Direct Newry as the Certifying Office.

Product Details – This is a free text box that allows you to provide more detail. You can find guidance by selecting the [Help with product details](#) option:

Exporter Reference – this is a non-mandatory text box, allowing the exporter to link the application to production line or other internal business references.

TIP: Each page of the application also features a [< Back](#) button. This allows users to return to the previous page if changes are required.

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When you have completed entries for each page, simply click on **Save and continue** to progress.

What are the route details of the consignment?

Where will the product be dispatched from?

Select dispatch premises... ▼

What is the destination of the consignment?

Great Britain

A SHA is an intra-UK document designed to allow a Certifying Officer at the premises of origin - for example, in NI, to provide assurances to a certifying colleague in GB where the commodity is intended for onward export to the EU (or back to NI)

Northern Ireland

Select NI when applying for a SHA for a movement of a commodity from one premises in NI to another premises in NI that is then intended for movement to GB for final export to EU

Other

When will you load the product onto the transport vehicle at the dispatch premises?

Enter a date between 18/11/2025 and 28/11/2025.

Day	Month	Year	Time
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="--:--"/> ⌚

Save and continue

Select the appropriate Dispatch Premises – simply begin typing and then select from the list **or** scroll down the options to find the premises you want. If your chosen Dispatch Premises does not appear in the drop-down list, you must enter it using free text.

Select the destination and Date of Loading – on screen help text provides guidance.

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Select **Save and continue** to progress.

Upload your Support Health Attestation document

Select your completed Support Health Attestation form

No file chosen

Use **Choose File** to select the completed SHA template for upload. The system will check that the file you have uploaded is a current and valid SHA template.

Important

Support Health Attestation form uploaded successfully

Select **Save and continue** to progress.

Supporting documents

Do you have any other documentation to support your application?

No

Yes

Click Yes or No as appropriate, then **Save and continue** to progress.

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Select a file to upload

Select one file at a time. You can upload as many files as you need to.

Choose File

Use **Choose File** to select supporting documents for upload. Select one file at a time and repeat the process until all relevant files are uploaded.

Uploaded supporting documents

SHA Supplementary Schedule (v1) - Apr 21.pdf

Remove

Save and continue

If you upload an incorrect file, simply click Remove, then repeat the upload process.

Select **Save and continue** to progress.

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Is there anything else that may be important to let us know?

Enter any additional information relating to the application. For example:

- Important information that supports your application
- Details of any essential documents that are not available when you submit your application.

! Provide all necessary information for your application promptly, or it will delay the export certification process.

Additional information (optional)

YOUR INFORMATION HERE

Save and continue

You have the option of adding additional information in support of your application at this stage.

Select **Save and continue** to progress.

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Check that these details are correct

You can change any of the details if they are incorrect.

Exporter details	Name: NI Exports Email: me@here.com Phone: 012345678	Change
Application type	Support Health Attestation	Change
Consignment details	Commodity: Pork Product details: Pork sausage Certifying office: DAERA ABC SHA Processing Office Exporter reference: My Business Related EHC form reference: EHC 4306	Change
Route	Dispatch premises: Destination country: Great Britain Loading date and time: 20/11/2025 14:30	Change
Application form	File name: SHA Template Generic V3 5th May 22.pdf	Change
Supporting documents	1	Change
Additional information	YOUR INFORMATION HERE	Change

This screen allows you to review details submitted in the application and change anything that is incorrect.

Use **Change** to amend or correct details in the appropriate sections of the application.

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Once you are content that the information being provided is correct, select **Save and continue** to return to the Summary page.

I understand and accept the following:

- I, the exporter, certify that the information provided in this Support Health Attestation (SHA) application and supporting documentation (where required) is accurate.
- Any SHA provided on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is provided on the understanding that it may not wholly comply with the requirements of the final importing country.
- It is my responsibility to check the SHA against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the final importing country and the certifying officer who will issue the final Export Health Certificate.
- DAERA will not be held responsible for any losses incurred if subsequently it should be found that this SHA is not sufficient to allow final onward certification to the third country.
- In the event of suspicion or confirmation of disease after certification, it may be necessary for DAERA to withdraw or cancel the SHA without notice. No liability for losses incurred can be accepted by DAERA should these circumstances arise.
- It is my responsibility to ensure that a SHA has been issued by either DAERA or my nominated Authorised Veterinary Practice before this consignment is dispatched from Northern Ireland.
- Submission of an application is no guarantee that a Support Health Attestation will be issued.
- DAERA takes no responsibility for consignments exported without certification in place prior to departure.
- Veterinary certification will not be issued retrospectively once this consignment has left Northern Ireland.

I confirm that I have read and understand the above statements.

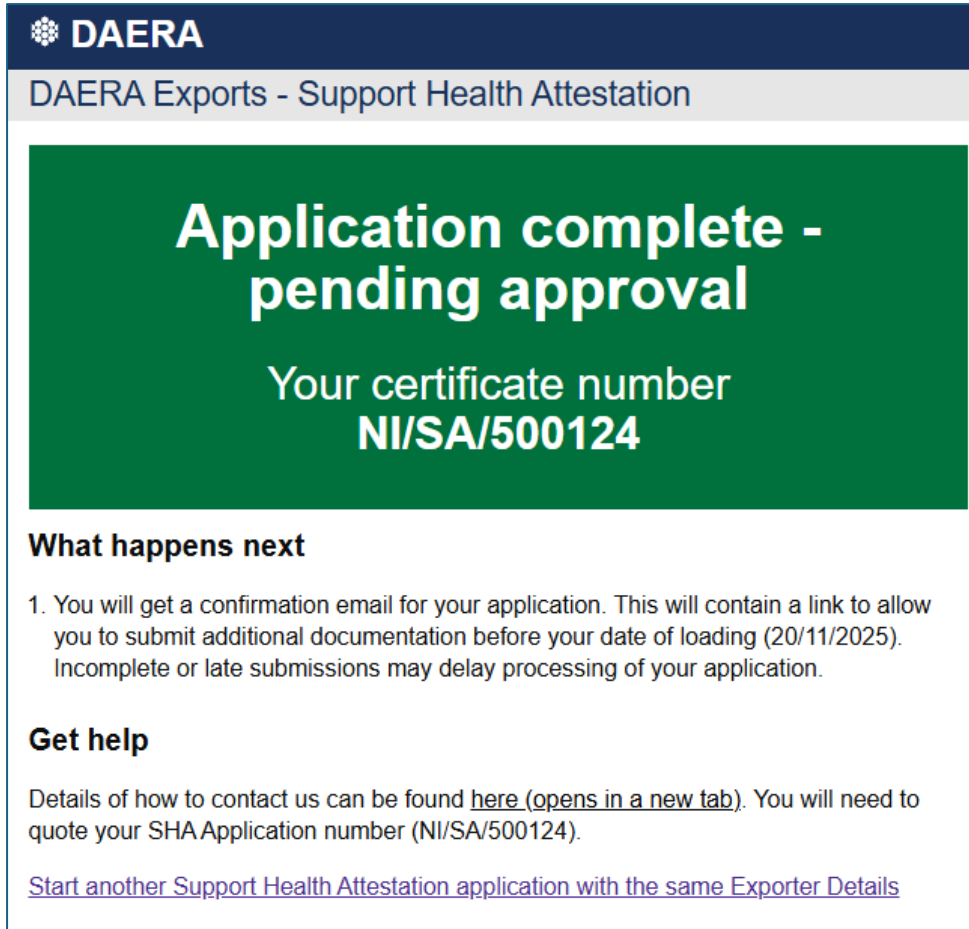
Submit completed application

This screen displays a set of declarations, relating to SHA certification, that **you must read and accept**.

You will not be able to submit the application without checking the “ **I confirm that I have read and understood the above statements**” box.

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Select **Submit completed application** to finish.



The screenshot shows the DAERA website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the DAERA logo and the text 'DAERA'. Below this is a light grey navigation bar with the text 'DAERA Exports - Support Health Attestation'. The main content area features a large green box with white text that reads: 'Application complete - pending approval' and 'Your certificate number NI/SA/500124'. Below the green box, there is a section titled 'What happens next' with a single bullet point: '1. You will get a confirmation email for your application. This will contain a link to allow you to submit additional documentation before your date of loading (20/11/2025). Incomplete or late submissions may delay processing of your application.' Below this is a section titled 'Get help' with a paragraph: 'Details of how to contact us can be found [here \(opens in a new tab\)](#). You will need to quote your SHA Application number (NI/SA/500124).' At the bottom of the help section is a blue link: '[Start another Support Health Attestation application with the same Exporter Details](#)'.

A new screen will appear confirming the application has been submitted for processing.

A unique certificate number for the application is also provided – this will appear on the certified SHA document.

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If you wish to make a new application with the same exporter details, select **Start another Export Health Certificate application with the same exporter details** to begin a new SHA application.

Confirmation of application – Providing Additional Information

Confirmation Email

Submission of the application sends confirmation to the email address provided in the application.

The email will contain a summary of your application and a **link** to add / amend information to the application, if required:

Thank you for your application (SHA Application number:NI/SA/500124) which has been submitted for processing.

You can submit additional information up until the date of loading (20/11/2025) by clicking [here](#). If the Date of Loading is changed, either on the day of loading OR the day prior to loading, you MUST also notify DAERA ABC SHA Processing Office.

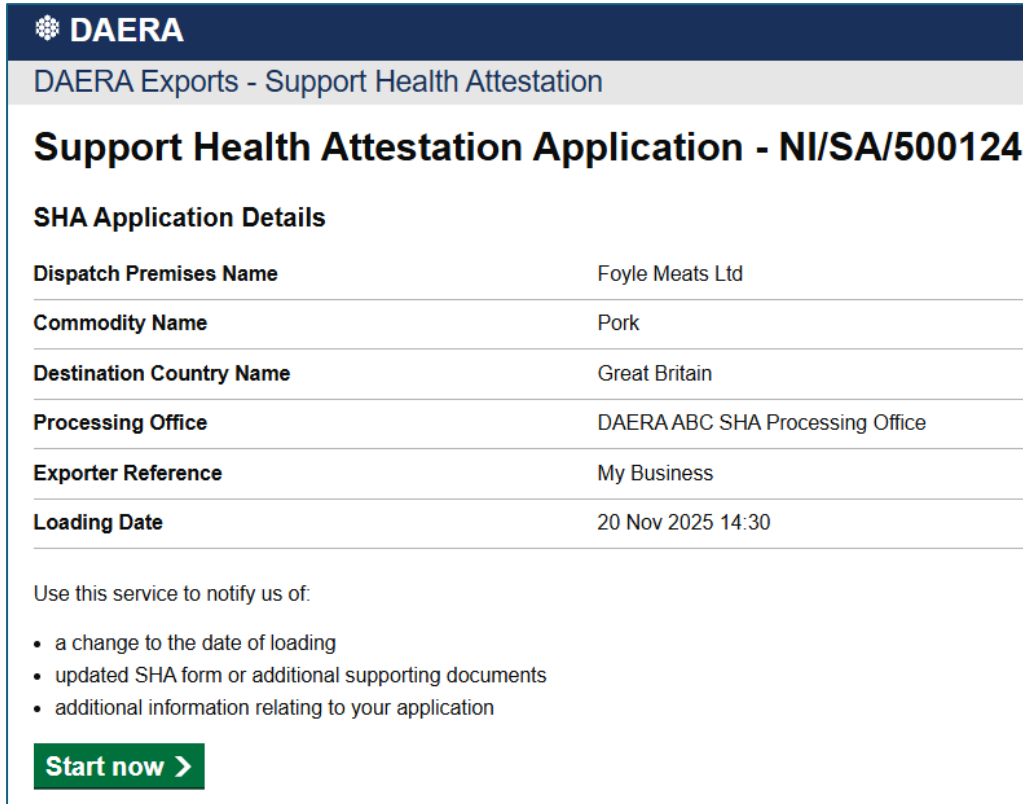
If you have to contact us about your application or submit further information, please contact DAERA ABC SHA Processing Office and quote the SHA Application number NI/SA/500124.

Should we require any further information relating to this application, we will contact you.

Contact details for DAERA ABC SHA Processing Office can be found [here](#).

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Clicking on the additional information link will open the following screen:



The screenshot shows a web interface for DAERA Exports - Support Health Attestation. The page title is "Support Health Attestation Application - NI/SA/500124". Below the title, there is a section titled "SHA Application Details" which contains a table with the following information:

Dispatch Premises Name	Foyle Meats Ltd
Commodity Name	Pork
Destination Country Name	Great Britain
Processing Office	DAERA ABC SHA Processing Office
Exporter Reference	My Business
Loading Date	20 Nov 2025 14:30

Below the table, there is a section titled "Use this service to notify us of:" followed by a bulleted list:

- a change to the date of loading
- updated SHA form or additional supporting documents
- additional information relating to your application

At the bottom of the section, there is a green button labeled "Start now >" with a right-pointing arrow.

Use **Start now** to change the date of loading or provide an update SHA template or supporting document.

Use **Save and continue** to progress through the screens and review the final information before submitting your application update.

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Request for Additional Information about your Export Application

In some cases, additional information may be requested to allow further processing of an application.

A request email will be sent to the email address provided in the application. It will contain a **link** for exporters to view the details of the request and provide the required information / documents:

We have a message for you regarding Support Health Attestation application NI/SA/500124.

Click [here](#) to view the message.

PLEASE NOTE: The above link expires Thursday 20/11/2025 (end of day of loading date).

If your link has expired, please contact your local processing office. Details can be found [here](#).


A full copy of the Departmental Privacy Statement can be found [here](#).

Regards

DAERA ABC SHA Processing Office

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The link will allow you to provide a response and to upload additional information:

 **DAERA**

DAERA Exports

SHA Application - NI/SA/500124

SHA Application Details

Dispatch Premises Name	Foyle Meats Ltd
Commodity Name	Pork
Destination Country Name	Great Britain
Processing Office	DAERA ABC SHA Processing Office
Exporter Reference	My Business
Current Loading Date	20 Nov 2025 14:30

Message from (14/11/2025 15:43)

Hello,

Please provide a revised SHA template upload.

The one you submitted was out of date.

Thank you.

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Please enter your response below

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Upload attachments (optional)

Choose files

Submit response

When the response / additional information has been entered / uploaded use the **Submit Response** button to send the information.

Successful submission of information will be confirmed on screen:

DAERA Exports

Thank you for your response.