

DECS: Launch of Embedded EHCs

DAERA Trade Programme are introducing embedded EHCs to the exporter's DECS application process.

This will see some limited changes to the screens that you are asked to complete.

Details of changes:

- The **What are the exporter details** and **What type of application is this** screens remain unchanged
- On the **What are the details of the consignment?** screen, in addition to being asked to identify your commodity and the destination of export, you will be asked to identify your **Certificate Form**:

What are the details of the consignment?

What commodity are you exporting?
Select a commodity...

What country are you exporting to?
Select a country...

Processing office
Select a commodity first...

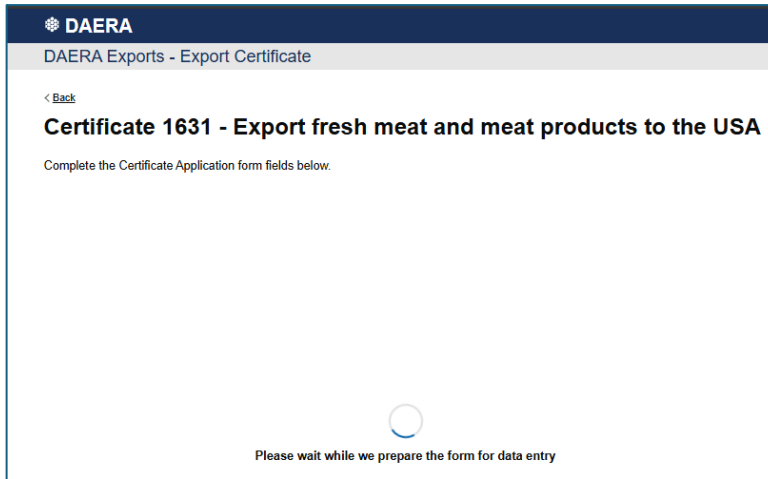
Certificate Form
Select commodity and country first...

▶ [Where to find the 4-digit certificate reference number](#)

▶ [I can't find the certificate form in the list](#)

You must enter the 4-digit reference number found in the footer of the EHC template (found on DEFRA Form Finder or on the DAERA website) into the Certificate Form box. The details of the EHC will then appear and if correct you should select it.

- The **Should your application be processed by an authorized veterinary practice** and the **What are the dispatch details of the consignment** screens remain unchanged
- Immediately following completion of the **What are the dispatch details of the consignment** screen, you will be presented with one of two screens.
- If the 4-digit EHC number you have entered earlier in the application is for an embedded EHC, you will initially see a holding screen as DECS retrieves the embedded certificate for completion: e.g.:



The screen will then update to provide the EHC for you to complete:

Certificate 1631 - Export fresh meat and meat products to the USA

Complete the Certificate Application form fields below.

UNITED KINGDOM DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF SCOTLAND
GOVERNMENT OF WALES
NORTHERN IRELAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

No:

EXPORT OF FRESH MEAT AND FRESH MEAT BY-PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

♦ OFFICIAL MEAT-INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR FRESH MEAT AND MEAT BY-PRODUCTS

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM


FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN


I Identification of products

(a) Description of products:

Lot	Process Category	Product Category	Product Group	Species
1				
2				
3				

You should scroll down and / across if needed within the document to complete the fillable fields. **NB:** A red box will appear around the text box if you have added too much text.

Click  to Download a copy of your completed form.

Click  to print a copy of your completed form.

When complete, click [Save and continue](#) to progress your application.

- If the 4-digit EHC number, you have entered earlier in the application is for an EHC that is not embedded you will be presented with the standard **Upload your export health certificate document** screen-and you will be required to upload your completed EHC in a PDF format.
- The **Supporting Documents** and **Is there anything else that may be important to let us know** screens remain unchanged
- The **Check that these details are correct** screen remains unchanged.
- Once you have submitted your application you will be presented with the standard **Application complete – pending approval screen.**
- However, you will also have access to new functionality (**Start another Export Health Certificate Application with the same details as the one you just submitted**) that will allow you to make another application where the country, commodity and EHC template are the same. This functionality will allow you to reuse the details you had entered into the embedded EHC from your previous application. This functionality should make the creation of multiple similar applications more efficient.

Application complete - pending approval

Your certificate number
26/3/000121

What happens next

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 (17/02/2026). Incomplete or late submissions may delay processing of your application.
2. Our team will check the information you gave us and process your application. We will contact you if there is anything missing.

Get help

Details of how to contact us can be found [here \(opens in a new tab\)](#). You will need to quote your certificate number (26/3/000121).

[Start another Export Health Certificate application with the same Exporter Details](#)

[Start another Export Health Certificate application with all the same details as the one you just submitted?](#)