

DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner

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Audience: DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners who certify exports of cattle and sheep to the EU

Subject: Completion of export paperwork for EU breeding and production exports

Export Certificate Completion

DAERA has become aware of failures to follow published guidance regarding Bluetongue attestations on export paperwork following complaints from a Member State. This bulletin is to remind certifying officers of their obligations under the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Principles of Certification in relation to the completion of certification. Failure to correctly complete certification is a breach of these RCVS principles. Incorrect or incomplete certification puts export trade arrangements at risk and can result in animals being quarantined or returned with additional costs.

Certifying Officers should note,

Principle 6: No section of a certificate should be left incomplete.

Principle 4 guidance note: Veterinarians should read and understand any Notes for Guidance or supporting material issued by the Competent Authority.

Guidance note 21.5: Veterinarians should also familiarise themselves with the form of certificate they are being asked to sign and any accompanying Notes for Guidance, instructions, or advice from the relevant Competent Authority.

Guidance notes specifically detailing the completion of Bluetongue clauses are published on the DAERA live animal web pages:

- [Live Animals Exports | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)
- [Exporting cattle to Great Britain and EU Member States | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)
- [Exporting sheep & goats to Great Britain and EU Member States | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

This guidance must be followed. If you are unsure about the completion of a certificate please contact DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk and we will advise.

Trade Programme

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