

DAERA EXPORT CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (DECS) – EXPORTER GUIDE



SYSTEM GUIDANCE AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR EXPORTERS OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

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EXPORTING ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

Live animals, (e.g. cattle, sheep, cats, dogs) and animal products (e.g. meat, milk products and germinal products), must be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate (EHC) signed by an authorised Certifying Officer (CO).

An EHC is an official document that confirms your export meets the health requirements of the destination country.

You can obtain an EHC from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for export of live animals and animal products to:

- Third Countries
- GB
- Movements within NI, and some exports to Ireland.

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

This document is intended to provide an overview of the process of applying online for an EHC.

NOTE: Most applications for export to the EU are processed using the EU Traces NT system and are not covered by this guidance.

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Glossary

APHA – Animal and Plant Health Agency: UK Government agency facilitating international trade in animals, products of animal origin and plants. Responsible for the [Find an Export Certificate](#) online resource.

AVP – Authorised Veterinary Practice: a veterinary practice where one or more veterinarians are authorised to carry out export certification for certain commodity groups, on behalf of DAERA.

DAERA – Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs: Government department responsible for export certification in Northern Ireland.

DECS – DAERA Export Certification System: Online service to apply for EHCs.

EHC – Export Health Certificate: An EHC is an official document that confirms your export meets the health requirements of the destination country.

PDF – Portable Document Format: a file format designed to present documents consistently across any device, software, or operating system. APHA and DAERA use this format to allow viewing and completion of EHC documents during the application process.

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Introducing DECS

DECS is the online EHC application system for exports from Northern Ireland to Third Countries (plus limited NI to GB exports, movements within NI and some NI to ROI exports).

DECS also allows exporters for whom an authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner (aPVP) will certify their export, to select their chosen veterinary practice as part of the application process

Process Overview

- Animal or product export requirements are identified from the [DAERA Website](#)
- Exporter identifies and reviews the EHC template and associated Notes for Guidance ([Find an Export Certificate](#) online resource or the [DAERA Website](#))
- Exporter creates an application on DECS, completing an embedded version of their required EHC template, and uploading relevant supporting documents;
- Depending on commodity, applications are administered by:
 - DAERA Customer Services Branch (CSB) at regional offices across Northern Ireland;
 - Local Authority (Council) Officers;
- Application details, completed EHC application and supporting documents are provided to the relevant Certifying Officer (DAERA or Local Authority) for review and certification;

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- Where required, applications are checked and transferred to the exporter's chosen Authorised Private Veterinary Practice (aPVP) for certification.

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 must be made no more than 10 working days in advance of date of dispatch.

These notice periods are reflected within the **Date of Loading** section when submitting online applications:

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

Enter a date between 08/06/2026 and 18/06/2026.

Day	Month	Year	Time
09	06	2026	14:00 

Save and continue

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Before Starting your Application

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

You can check if an EHC is available using the [Find an Export Certificate](#) online resource:

Find an export health certificate

From: [Animal and Plant Health Agency](#)

Find the export health certificate (EHC) and supporting documents you need to export a live animal or animal product like food and germplasm. The latest versions of the certificates are always here.

You must nominate an official vet or local authority inspector to sign the certificate. Find out more about [getting an export health certificate](#).

If you cannot find the correct export health certificate, [contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency \(APHA\)](#).

Search

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▼ Destination country

▼ Commodity type

▼ Certificate status

2,132 export health certificates

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Export cat and dog food to Macao: certificate 8932

Destination: Macao Commodity: Animal products including food
Certificate status: Active

Export captive birds to Türkiye: certificate 7413

Destination: Turkey Commodity: Live animals Certificate status: Active

Export frozen porcine semen to Indonesia: certificate 6403

Destination: Indonesia Commodity: Germplasm Certificate status: Active

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Use this interactive tool to search for the latest version of the certificate by:

- Destination country (i.e. Barbados), or;
- Commodity (i.e. pigs/poultry/animal products, including food)

Typing these in the ‘Search’ box or selecting from the available drop-down menu will help focus your search and display relevant EHCs.

NOTE: On this page, the commodity search ***‘Animal products including food’*** includes all dairy and meat EHCs.

Click on the certificate link you require.

Each certificate has its own page, providing a PDF version of the EHC template that you’ll complete within the DECS system and useful guidance for exporters and certifying officers.

Exporting from Northern Ireland

If you’re in Northern Ireland, you no longer need to download this EHC. You will complete the EHC template as part of the DAERA online application process (DECS).

For more information, see the [DECS Application User Guide](#)

1. Find out about the requirements for export in the [guidance notes](#), [Advisory Guidance notes for certificate 7833](#), [Checklist for certificate 7833](#) and [Export fresh beef to Canada: EHC 7833, version 2](#).
2. Download and complete [Veterinary Support Attestation for onward shipment of beef to USA document: SUP 7833, version 1](#) which you will upload as part of your application.
3. [Start your application](#).

Make sure you examine the latest version of the EHC and guidance notes as they are sometimes updated. The latest versions are on this page.

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Exporters **must** review the requirements within the relevant EHC - where available, please review the Northern Ireland version.

NOTE: Take down the reference number of the certificate you have identified – you'll need it to complete your DECS application.

The associated Notes for Guidance should also be consulted - EHC Guidance Notes provide information to exporters and Certifying Officers on the requirements of the certificate, such as Third Country approvals, import permits or where additional copies may be required for export.

If an appropriate EHC is **not** available on the [Find an Export Certificate](#) online resource, you should check the DAERA Website:

[Export Health Certificates \(EHCs\) and Background Certificates \(BCs\) not available on Form Finder](#)

If an EHC for your required commodity and destination cannot be identified on either of the above websites, please contact DAERA Trade Exports Programme for further guidance, providing details of the planned export via email at DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk

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Making an application on DECS

Navigate to the DAERA website:

[Exporting animals and animal products from Northern Ireland to GB, EU and Third Countries \(Including guidance and application point for DAERA Export Certification System \(DECS\)\)](#)

A wide range of information on exporting animals and animal products is available and links to commodity specific webpages and export requirements are also provided on this page.

On each export commodity page, use this link to begin your export application journey:

Start your Export Health Certificate application ➔

This link takes you to the homepage of the DECS system. Information and advice on issues affecting the system and certification is available here. We strongly recommend checking regularly for any changes affecting your exports:

Apply for an Export Health Certificate

You can use this service to apply for an **Export Health Certificate (EHC)**.

Important

Welcome to DAERA Export Certificate System (DECS)

DECS is the system exporters **must** use to apply for official certification for exports to all third countries, GB, within NI, and some exports to EU, as applicable.

DECS is similar to other public facing government systems with which you may be familiar and should make the export application process easier. A guide which includes screen shots of the application process is available on the [DAERA Internet](#).

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Moving down the webpage, you'll find useful guidance on what you need before you begin. You can start your application here:

Who can use this service

This service is for people or organisations that export animals and animal products from Northern Ireland that require an Export Health Certificate.

Before you start

Please have your EHC pdf export application form downloaded from [DEFRA EHC Form Finder](#) or [DAERA Website](#), completed and ready to upload before you proceed.

You will also need to provide the following information:

- Details about what you are exporting
- Email address
- Supporting documents

► [Help with providing additional information](#)

Start now >

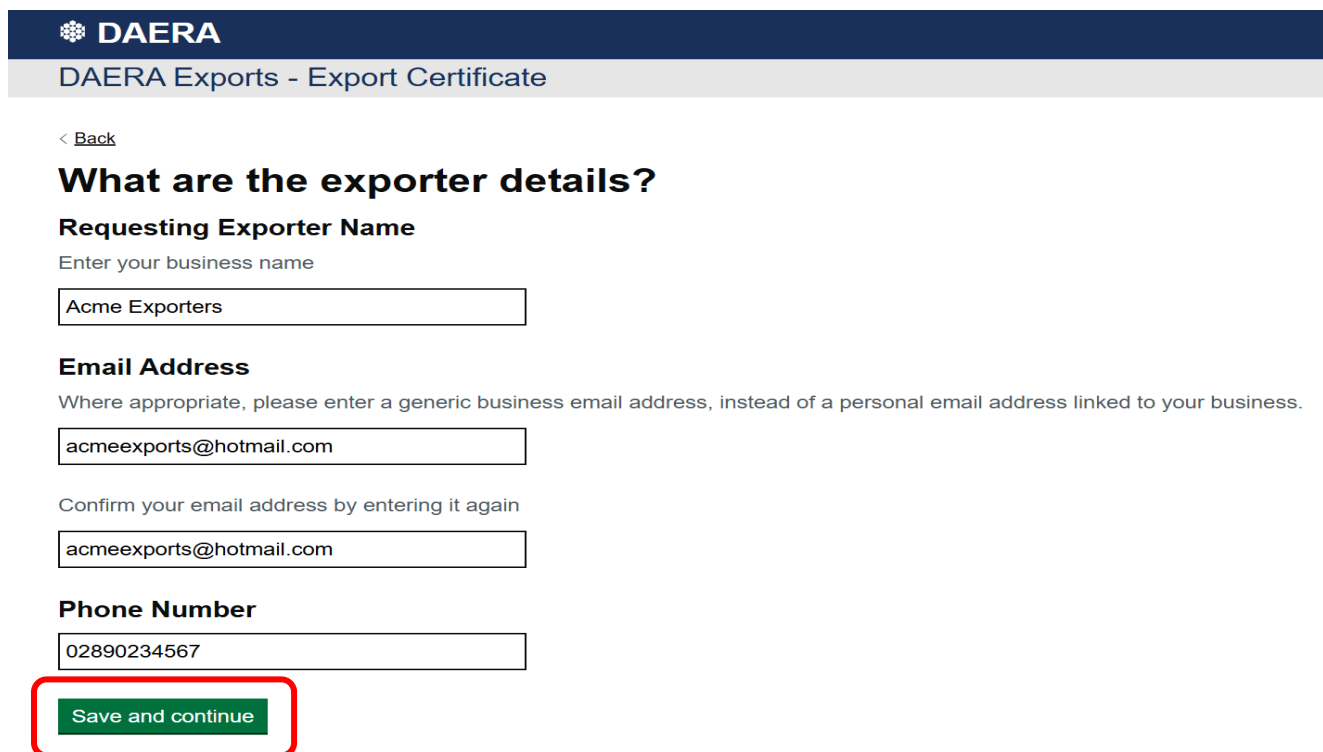
Please review the information requirements of your chosen EHC from the [Find an Export Certificate](#) online resource or DAERA Website, before you start. You'll complete the EHC as part of your application within DECS.

Any other documents required to support your application should be ready for upload.

Use the **Start Now** button to begin the application process.

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Screen 1: What are the exporter details?



The screenshot shows the DAERA Exports - Export Certificate interface. At the top is a dark blue header with the DAERA logo and the title 'DAERA Exports - Export Certificate'. Below the header is a navigation link '< Back'. The main heading is 'What are the exporter details?'. The form contains three sections: 'Requesting Exporter Name' with a text input field containing 'Acme Exporters'; 'Email Address' with a text input field containing 'acmeexports@hotmail.com' and a confirmation field below it also containing 'acmeexports@hotmail.com'; and 'Phone Number' with a text input field containing '02890234567'. A green 'Save and continue' button is highlighted with a red rectangular border at the bottom of the form.

DAERA

DAERA Exports - Export Certificate

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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

The email you enter here will be used by DAERA throughout the application process.

NOTE: Business users may wish to consider providing a generic organisation email address, to which multiple staff users have access. Doing so can allow shared access, within your business, to any queries or requests for further information sent by EHC processing teams, reducing the risk of delay to your export application.

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Use the **Save and continue** button to progress to the next screen.

If key information is missing, the system will highlight it. You won't be able to progress to the next stage until all details are complete.

Screen 2: What type of application is this?

This screen asks if you're making a **New Export Health Certificate** application or a **Replacement Export Health Certificate** application:

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What type of application is this?

☐

New Export Health Certificate

☐

Replacement Export Health Certificate

Save and continue

For new applications, select **New Export Health Certificate** and click **Save and Continue** to progress.

NOTE: If you have already received a certified (signed) EHC which contains errors, or changes are needed, you may need a **replacement certificate**.

You should talk to your Certifying Officer first, and if a replacement is appropriate, click [here](#) to follow the Replacement Certificate process.

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Screen 3: What are the details of the consignment?

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](#)

Product details

► [Help with product details](#)

Exporter reference (optional)

Include a reference to help identify your consignment

Save and continue

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Commodity: Choose from the list of commodity groups - scroll or begin typing, then click to select.

What country are you exporting to? Scroll or begin typing, then click to select.

Processing Office: choose from the list of Processing Offices. These options are linked to your chosen commodity.

Certificate Form: enter the 4-digit reference number of the relevant EHC that you are using. This can be found beside the name of the EHC on the certificate page on the [Find an Export Certificate](#) online resource or DAERA website; or in the watermark, footer or alongside the certificate title of your existing certificate.

NOTE: A small number of EHC certificates use 3 digits instead of 4. For these certificates, please type the 3-digit number in the Certificate Form box.

If the EHC you need for export is **not** available on the system, it may not have been used for export from Northern Ireland before.

Please contact your local [DAERA Direct Office](#) to discuss your requirements – you should let them know which EHC you intend to use and the estimated timeframe for export.

This will allow the Department to prepare DECS for the application and avoid potential delays to your export.

Product Details – Provide further detail on the export consignment. Guidance is available by clicking ‘[Help with product details](#)’.

Exporter Reference – This is not a mandatory field, but you may wish to enter details here to link the application to your export consignment (e.g. animal name, production numbers or other manufacturing references).

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Click [< Back](#) to return to the previous application page. You can check your entries and change them.

Click **Save and continue** to continue the application.

Screen 4: Should your application be processed by an authorised veterinary practice?

You are asked to indicate if your export application will be processed by an Authorised Veterinary Practice (AVP) - this choice is determined by the type of commodity intended for export.

Exporters should be aware if their commodity requires an AVP. An AVP is a private veterinary practice where at least one veterinarian has been authorised by DAERA to issue export certification for specific commodities.

Select 'No' if your export will be certified by DAERA or a Local Authority.

Select 'Yes' to provide details of the relevant AVP:

Should your application be processed by an authorised veterinary practice?

☐ No

☒ Yes

Which authorised veterinary practice will process your application?

Select an authorised veterinary practice...

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Typing the first characters of the relevant practice name will display available options – click to select your chosen practice.

If you can't locate and select your chosen AVP on the dropdown, you can still let us know who will certify your export.

Click '[I can't find the authorised veterinary practice in the list](#)', and add details of the AVP who will certify your export:

▼ [I can't find the authorised veterinary practice in the list](#)

If the authorised veterinary practice is not in the list then enter the details of it below

Authorised veterinary practice name

Email

Phone (optional)

Address Line 1 (optional)

Address Line 2 (optional)

Town / City (optional)

County (optional)

Postcode (optional)

Remember to click to progress.

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Screen 5: What are the dispatch details of the consignment?

Where will the product be dispatched from? – Begin typing to view the available list and click to select the relevant dispatch premises.

If your dispatch premises is not available to select, click on '[I can't find the dispatch premises in the list](#)' and enter the dispatch premises name in the box:

▼ [I can't find the dispatch premises in the list](#)

If the dispatch premises is not in the list then enter the name of it below

When will you load the product onto the transport vehicle at the dispatch premises – this wording applies mainly to commercial exports of certain commodities. Regardless of commodity, it should be considered as the time the export consignment will leave its current location and begin the export journey.

Applications **must** be made a minimum of 2 working days in advance of the date of dispatch, and not more than ten working days ahead of this date.

These rules are built into the calendar when selecting your date of dispatch – the accepted date range is also displayed:

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

Enter a date between 08/06/2026 and 18/06/2026.

Day	Month	Year	Time
09	06	2026	14:00 ⌚

Save and continue

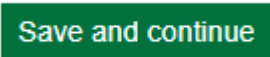
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Dispatch times may be automatically rounded up or down to the nearest 30 minutes - you will be advised of this on-screen:

 Time has been rounded to the nearest 30 minutes.

NOTE: Weekend certification is not guaranteed.

We recommend you discuss the requirements with your certifying officer and the relevant processing office to ensure certification can be provided on the preferred dispatch date.

Once you have entered a suitable date and time of loading click  to progress and enter details on your chosen EHC.

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Screen 6: Embedded EHC Template for completion

The system will retrieve your selected EHC template and allow you to complete it. You will see this message while DECS prepares to display your EHC:



Please wait while we prepare the form for data entry

You will be presented with the template for the EHC you have selected, for you to complete, e.g.:

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: 1631

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
REPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM
FOR COUNTRY NO: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Identification of products

(a) Description of products:

Lot	Product Category	Product Group	Species
1			
2			
3			

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Complete this on-screen, scrolling down and across, to view and complete all relevant fields.

You can increase the EHC size to make it easier to complete. In most browsers, press and hold the ‘Ctrl’ button on the keyboard and use the mouse wheel to make the screen size bigger or smaller.

If too much text has been added to a field, a red border will appear. Please reduce the text entered in any field where this happens.

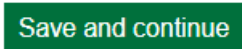
DAERA recognises that not all information will be available when you make the initial application, however you will have the opportunity to update the application up to the date of loading.

NOTE: You do not have to complete all the text fields to progress your application – DECS will allow progression to the next stage if you have completed a minimum of one text box. If any section is **not** relevant to your application, you should make this clear by inserting ‘N/A’ where appropriate.

You can download or print a copy of the EHC:

- Click  to Download a copy of your completed form.
- Click  to print a copy of your completed form.

This is **for your records only** and will not affect application process.

When all available information has been entered, click  to progress your application.

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Screen 7: Supporting documents

This screen will allow you to upload all other documents required for your application:

Supporting documents

Do you have any other documentation to support your application?

☐ No
☒ Yes

If supporting documents are needed for the export consignment, click '**Yes**', then select and upload all relevant files:

Select files to upload

You can select multiple files to upload simultaneously. Maximum file size: 5MB per file.

Select one or more files...

Uploaded files will be displayed – click '**Remove**' to delete any incorrect documents:

Uploaded supporting documents

Sample Supporting Document - 1.docx	Remove
Sample Supporting Document - 2.docx	Remove

Click **Save and continue** to progress.

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Screen 8: Is there anything else that may be important to let us know?

You can add additional information by typing into the box – this is optional:

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)

ENTER ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION HERE

Save and continue

Click **Save and continue** to progress to the final Summary stage.

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Screen 9: Check that these details are correct

This screen provides a summary of your application and allows amendments if any information is incorrect:

Check that these details are correct

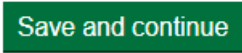
You can change any of the details if they are incorrect.

Exporter details	Name: Email: Phone:	Change
Application type	Application type: New	Change
Consignment details	Certificate form: Export of Pig Meat to The People's Republic of China (Ref:7006NI) Commodity: Meat - Pork Destination country: China Product details: Shoulder Processing office: DAERA Direct Armagh Exporter reference: Line - 13425	Change
Dispatch Details	Dispatch premises: Ardboe Coldstore, Dungannon Loading date and time: 09/06/2026 14:00	Change
Authorised veterinary practice	Required: No	Change
Application form	Certificate 7006NI - Export of Pig Meat to The People's Republic of China	Change
Supporting documents	2	Change
Additional information	Important information	Change

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You should review and edit details of the application before submitting the final version.

To amend application details, click on the relevant ‘**Change**’ button to access, update and save the changes.

Click  to return to the Summary stage.

You are also required to read and confirm the statements in relation to the accuracy of the application, and to confirm that you understand that it is your responsibility to ensure you have received an issued EHC before the export takes place:

I, the exporter or agent acting on behalf of the exporter, certify that the information provided in the export application and supporting documentation (where required) is accurate.

I confirm that I have read the requirements for export outlined in the Export Health Certificate and associated Notes for Guidance. To the best of my knowledge, the consignment complies with these requirements.

I understand and accept the following:

- It is the exporter's responsibility to ensure an Export Health Certificate (EHC) has been issued by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) or the exporter's nominated Authorised Veterinary Practice (AVP) before the consignment leaves Northern Ireland (NI). Submitting an application does not guarantee that an EHC will be issued.
- DAERA takes no responsibility for consignments without certification in place before departure. Veterinary certification cannot be issued after the consignment leaves NI.
- Any EHC issued on behalf of DAERA is provided with the understanding that it may not fully comply with the requirements of the importing country. It is the responsibility of the exporter to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country.
- In processing the EHC, DAERA does not verify the content or accuracy of the application.
- DAERA and/or the issuing certifying body will not be held responsible for any losses incurred if the certificate is not accepted by the importing country.
- If there is suspicion or confirmation of disease after certification, DAERA may need to withdraw or cancel the health certificate without notice. DAERA cannot accept liability for any losses in such circumstances.
- DAERA takes data protection, freedom of information, and environmental information issues seriously. Any personal information received will be handled in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (2016). Personal information will be processed principally for the purposes for which it was provided. DAERA is also under a duty to protect public funds and may use the information provided for this purpose. A full copy of the DAERA Privacy Statement can be found on the [DAERA website](#).



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

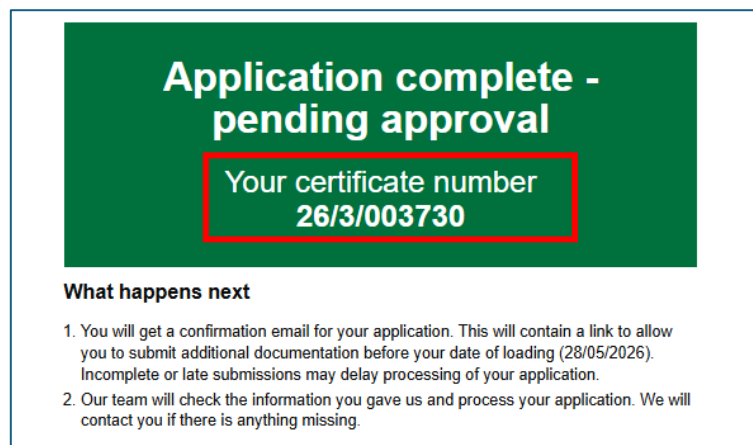


Confirm and click to
Submit your completed
application.

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Screen 10: Application complete

You will receive an on-screen confirmation, showing the official certificate number and advice on what happens next:



You should quote this number in any correspondence about your application.

On this screen you'll also have the option to create a new export application, using:

- the same exporter details, or;
- all the same details as the application you just submitted.

[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?](#)

Clicking on the relevant link will begin another application process.

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Updating your application after submission

You will receive a confirmation email to the email address provided during the application process (at Screen 1 - Exporter details).

The email contains a webpage link to let you update your application details and EHC up to midnight on the Date of Loading.

Cancelling your application

If an export consignment is cancelled, you MUST advise the relevant DAERA Processing Office (see detail below) or Local Authority Team (for fish product exports) as soon as possible.

Contact details can be found online: [DAERA Direct Regional Offices](#) or [Local Authority Council Offices](#)

If the export is being certified by an authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner (aPVP) you should also advise them as soon as possible.

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Applying for a Replacement Export Health Certificate

Select **Replacement Export Health Certificate** and you'll be asked to provide information on the original application and the reason for requesting a replacement. It is important to have these details available and ensure they are entered correctly:

What type of application is this?

☐

New Export Health Certificate

☒

Replacement Export Health Certificate

Why do you need a replacement certificate?

We need to know the specifics of details that have changed

What is the original unique certificate number?

When was the original certificate signed?

Day

Month

Year

Save and continue

Why do you need a replacement certificate? Provide the reason for requesting a replacement certificate.

What is the original unique certificate number? Provide the number of the original certificate that you wish to replace.

When was the original certificate signed? Enter the date the original certificate was signed.

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Entering these details allows the system to validate your replacement application against the original certificate record. Use the **Save and continue** button to progress.

If you get an error message, it means that some of the details provided cannot be matched to a previously issued certificate. Check the details and re-enter them, using the **Save and continue** button to progress. If the error message remains, contact the DAERA Office which issued your original certificate for advice.

There is a problem
A previous completed application with the specified details was not found

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What type of application is this?
☐ New Export Health Certificate
☒ Replacement Export Health Certificate

Why do you need a replacement certificate?
We need to know the specifics of details that have changed

What is the original unique certificate number?
A previous completed application with the specified details was not found

When was the original certificate signed?
Day Month Year

Save and continue

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Continue to enter consignment details – some screens will reflect the fact that this is a replacement application:

What are the details of the consignment?

What commodity did you export?

Select a commodity...

Which country was the product exported 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](#)

Product details

► [Help with product details](#)

Exporter reference (optional)

Include a reference to help identify your consignment

Save and continue

What are the dispatch details of the consignment?

Where was the product dispatched from?

Select dispatch premises...

► [I can't find the dispatch premises in the list](#)

What date was the product originally loaded at the dispatch premises?

Enter a date between 18/12/2025 and 17/06/2026.

Day Month Year Time
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Save and continue

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Requests for Additional Information about your Export Application

Additional information or clarification may be required to process your export application. If this is the case, you will receive an email containing a link to view the request and respond with the required information:

Export Certificate Application 25/3/500138 - Additional Information Required

Emailed to Exporter@test234234.com

Sent date time 2025-02-27 09:53:56

Email Body

We require additional information in order to process your export certificate application.

Click [here](#) to view the message and supply any requested details.

PLEASE NOTE: The above link expires Monday 03/03/2025 (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](#).

DAERA EXPORT CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (DECS) – EXPORTER GUIDE

From this webpage, you can view the request, provide a typed response or change / add export application details:

Export Health Certificate Application - 26/3/000150

Certificate Details

Exporter	
Exporter Reference	
Dispatch Premises Name	
Commodity Name	Live Animal - Commercial export of dogs, cats, small mammals, avian, exotics
Destination Country Name	China
Processing Office	DAERA Direct Armagh
Loading Date	25 Feb 2026 17:30

Message from DAERA Direct Armagh (18/06/2026 16:26)

Please provide supporting documentation

Important

You can send a straightforward text reply using the text box below. Alternatively, if you need to update the loading date, modify the export certificate form, or upload additional supporting documents, please click [here](#) (opens in a new tab).

Please enter your response below

B I U [List Icons]

Submit response

Use the **Submit Response** button to send the information.



DAERA Export Certificates

Thank you for your response.

An on-screen message confirms successful submission: