DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner

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Audience: DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) with requirement to issue official certification for Live Pig Exports from Northern Ireland

Subject: Trade Programme announce release of a new CAFRE Moodle online training module: Certifying Live Pig Exports from Northern Ireland

Purpose

This bulletin is to notify you that a new training module has been developed and released by DAERA Trade Programme on the CAFRE Moodle platform to provide training necessary for Official Certification in respect of live pig exports from Northern Ireland. The module is titled **Certifying Live Pig Exports from Northern Ireland**.

All authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners have been automatically enrolled on the training module. Please email DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk **if you have any issues accessing the training module.** General Principles of Certification training must be active to hold any authorisation including Live Pig Exports.

Any aPVPs with existing 'grandfather' rights and who wish to continue certifying Live Pig Exports from Northern Ireland, **must complete this training module before 31st December 2026.** If you do not complete the **Live Pig Exports Certification** training module within the required timeframe, those grandfather rights will be withdrawn, and you will no longer be able to issue certification for this commodity. You will receive a notification of withdrawal from the Certifying Officer Authorisation Online Service (COA).

If there are mitigating circumstances which may prevent completion of this training within this timeframe, please contact DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk. All correspondence will be treated in accordance with DAERA-privacy-statement.

The deadline of 31st December 2026 does not apply to anyone seeking certifying officer authorisation for this commodity for the first time.

If you have any queries regarding the information in this bulletin, please contact DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk

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