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Audience: **Exporters of Dairy products**

Subject: DAERA Update on Import and Certificate Options for export of dairy products to Australia 041126

Notification of options available for UK establishments exporting milk and milk products to Australia

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Purpose

1. To inform exporters and certifying officers of the range and applicability of new export health certificates available for UK dairy establishments wishing to export dairy and dairy products from the United Kingdom (UK) to Australia.

Background

2. Defra have recently, at DAFF Australia's request, changed the scopes and increased the number of Export Health Certificates (**EHC**s) available for the export of dairy and dairy products from the United Kingdom to Australia.

3. There are now 5 dairy export health certificates listed on Find an export health certificate - GOV.UK and an additional one available, on request, for specific Import Permits (**IP**s) only.

4. Australia's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (**DAFF**) issues Import Permits to importers of dairy products.

Import Permits and Certificates

5. Ensure the correct certificate type is being used (e.g. cheese vs dairy), and that the health certificate matches the import permit conditions.

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure the health certificate presented is appropriate for the product and matches the permit conditions to avoid clearance delays.

Different types of dairy products require different health certificates.

For example, products containing only cheese should be accompanied by the health certificate specified for cheese products.

Composite products made of cheese and/or other bovine dairy ingredients may require a health certificate for bovine dairy products OR a health certificate containing the statements from both the cheese and bovine dairy health certificates, in accordance with conditions on the import permit.

Discrepancies between import permit conditions and health certificate attestations may result in delays while documentation is reviewed and verified.

If the health certificate provided matches the import permit used for the consignment, this can help avoid these delays.

For the small subset of existing permits which refer only to previous certificate conditions, the competent authority may provide the old health certificate, or an annex to the existing health certificate with the old health certificate attestations.

Provision of an old health certificate or annex is at the discretion of the competent authority and will only be accepted by Australia until 31 August 2028.

Action

6. Exporters and COs should check and ensure, prior to certifying, that the certificate presented is in full alignment with the DAFF-issued IP.
7. UK EHCs available for exports of dairy to Australia:

	EHC NUMBER	TITLE	SCOPE/USAGE	STATUS
1	**6969EHC v.11**	**Dairy and dairy products (other than raw milk cheese[1]) with or without egg products to Australia**	**CONTROLLED AVAILABILITY** ONLY to be used to certify consignments where the Import Permit (IP) was issued prior to 1 September 2026 and IP aligns, specifically, with the contents of this EHC. It is only available on special request at time of application. IP evidence of suitability must be provided.	Only to be used where it is the **only version that exactly matches** the DAFF IP. Will be permanently unavailable once pre-1 September 2026 Import Permits run out of validity.
2	**6969EHC v.12**	Dairy products of **bovine origin** (excluding cheese) to Australia	**GENERALLY AVAILABLE** To be used for all **bovine** dairy products – but **not for cheese –** that have **no egg ingredients,** where the IP was issued on or after 1 September 2026	Refer to Import Permit
3	**8960EHC**	Dairy products of **ovine or caprine origin (excluding cheese)** to Australia	Where Import Permit specifies ovine or caprine origin dairy products. **Cheese cannot** be exported on this EHC Nor can bovine dairy products.	Refer to Import Permit
4	**9200EHC**	Dairy products of **bovine origin (excluding cheese) including egg ingredients** to Australia	Where **Import Permit** was issued after 1 September 2026 and is for dairy products which incorporate **egg ingredients**	Refer to the Import Permit

5	**8961EHC**	Cheese **(other than raw milk cheese)** to Australia	**NOT** to be used **for** export of **raw milk cheeses**	For export of cheeses on Import Permits issued from 1 September 2026
6	**8708EHC**	Raw milk cheese to Australia	Only to be used for the export of 12 specific raw milk cheeses approved by DAFF and listed in the 8708NFG.	Refer to the Import Permit and Notes for Guidance (8708 NFG) to determine if suitable.

Further Information

All queries regarding the information above should be directed to DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk

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