



DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner – Update 2 on Provision of Support Health Attestations – new Animal Health Law EHCs

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Audience: DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners providing support health attestations (SHAs) for all products of animal origin

Subject: Changes to official certification – new SHA Notes for Guidance to reflect new Animal Health Law EHCs – FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Scope

The purpose of this bulletin is to make authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners in Northern Ireland aware of:

- Changes to official certification of products of animal origin (POAO) from Great Britain (GB) to EU and Northern Ireland (NI) due to the now mandatory requirement to use new Export Health Certificates (EHCs) as required by Animal Health Law (AHL).
- **New** DAERA commodity specific notes for guidance for support health attestations (SHAs) to accompany product moving from NI to GB.
- **Updated** DAERA generic SHA notes for guidance.

Background

Bulletin 03/22 issued 17 February 2022 advised aPVPs of the circumstances relating to the new EU AHL EHCs where products of animal origin from NI would be considered eligible for export from GB to EU/NI and may therefore require a SHA from NI to GB. It also outlined which POAO of NI origin would be ineligible for export from GB to EU/NI.

This guidance can be found at:

[Guidance on when an SHA is needed: red meat](#)

[Guidance on when an SHA is needed: white meat](#)

Whilst the new AHL EHCs were introduced on 15 January 2022, the EU Commission requested Member States to show flexibility and continue to accept the pre - AHL EHCs in use since EU Exit date of 1st January 2021. These previous EHCs and SHA NFG remained applicable and in use.

However that period of flexibility ended at the end of April 2022 and GB exporters and certifying officers must now use the new AHL EHCs for movement of POAO from GB to EU/NI.

This means that both the circumstances in which a SHA from NI is required and the attestations contained within the SHA issued in NI have changed.

For Immediate Action

NI certifying officers must no longer issue SHA based on previous DAERA SHA NFG and must now consult the new revised DAERA commodity specific NFG.

Any previous SHA templates with bespoke sanitary attestations can no longer be used and must be discarded.

New Commodity specific guidance can be found at

[DAERA SHA Notes for Guidance May 2022](#)

Guidance is available for the following:

Meat preparations / meat products containing NI origin beef
Meat preparations / meat products containing NI origin pork
Meat preparations / meat products containing NI origin poultry meat
Dairy products
Egg products

Please note that NFG for lamb are not currently available.

The SHA template which the exporter will submit when applying @ **DAERA SHA On Line** remains the same and can be found at [DAERA SHA templates](#)

SHA certification of meat for export of meat preparations/products

Please note that fresh meat of NI origin can only be exported from GB to EU/NI under specific circumstances, usually only after processing in GB or storage where the UK(NI) ID mark is retained. Please see the relevant NFG at link above for further information.

When completing the SHA for movement of fresh meat from NI, certifying officers should note that the EHC reference entered at Section III (a) will now include EHC 8383 (meat preparations) **and / or** EHC 8384 (meat products) **as well as** the relevant fresh meat specific reference number.

As more than one EHC reference is now provided, please ensure any numbered sections entered in Section III (a) (ii) clearly indicate to which EHC they refer.

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