

DAERA EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATION ON LINE



EXPORTER INFORMATION NOTICE -02/2022

Fresh Meat / Meat By-Product Exports to USA

Export Health Certificate (EHC) 1631 – Changes to certificate

- a) Exporters of fresh meat and meat by-products to USA, EHC 1631, should note that a new version of this certificate is now available at the [DEFRA Form Finder Website](#).
- b) Exporters should also note that DAERA-certified versions of EHC 1631 will contain additional security features from 9th May 2022.

Background

- a) On 22nd March 2022 [DAERA Exporter Information Notice 01/22](#) advised that DEFRA had updated EHC 1631 to combine both the 'ORIG' and 'COPY' documents into **one single certificate**, to meet the requirement that both documents are certified and produced by competent authorities.
- b) From 24th January 2022, EHCs for USA have been produced by DAERA on white paper with a 12-digit code and a watermark containing the application unique reference number.

These are security measures intended to replace the previous use of crown gold paper and are designed to give assurance to

importing authorities of the authenticity of the EHC.

One exception to this was EHC 1631 - Fresh Meat, which was excluded by DEFRA for technical reasons. EHC 1631 has been produced since 24th January 2022 by DAERA on **white paper only**, in line with the covid-related easements that were previously in place.

What Has Changed?

The purpose of this Exporter Information Notice is to notify exporters that:

- a) The scope of the certificate has been amended to include ovine and caprine meat - previously, only bovine and porcine meat were considered within scope.

Further detail can be found in the Guidance Notes, available on the [Form Finder website](#).

- b) the 'COPY' document is no longer required by the importing authority. Consequently, there is no 'COPY' document available for download at Form Finder.

DAERA will now only provide exporters with a 5 page EHC document **without the 'ORIG' marking**:



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:

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

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I Identification of products

(a) Description of products:

- c) from 9th May 2022, EHC 1631 will be subject to the additional security measures implemented on other USA EHCs.

As such, **DAERA will produce and certify EHC 1631 on white paper with a 12-digit code and a watermark containing the unique application reference number:**



For further guidance on these security features, including information on which third countries they are applicable to, please visit [the DAERA website](#) and view the '**Crown Gold Removal - Participating Third Countries**' document, providing background and examples.

This document will always contain the most up-to-date information.

Using EHC 1631 - Actions required

With immediate effect, all exporters requiring EHC 1631 should download and complete the new Form Finder version, available at the link below:

www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates/export-fresh-meat-and-meat-products-to-the-usa-certificate-1631#what-exporters-in-northern-ireland-need-to-do

PLEASE NOTE: No changes have been made to the DECOL application process - exporters should continue to upload the completed certificate into the EHC Documents section, available at Step 2:

Documents

Step 2 of 3

Please use the "Add File" button to upload your EHC PDF Application.

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Please select a file to upload

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