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Publication of new certificates for export of Live Animals and Germinal Products to the EU.

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Purpose

To notify certifiers of the publication date of new Export Health Certificates (EHCs) for Live Animals and Germinal Products for export to the EU or movement to Northern Ireland (NI) and to advise of the transitional period following their introduction.

Background

The European Commission has published Commission Implementing Regulation ([EU 2025/544](#)) amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/403, this in turn affects a number of Live Animal and Germinal Product EHCs. Consequently, new certificates will be published on EHC Online (EHCO) on 29 October 2025 for traders to use (see Annex below for the list of EHCs)

Action

- From **29 October 2025**, traders can use the new Live Animal and Germinal Product EHCs for export from GB to the EU or movement to NI.
- The old certificates will continue to be valid for a transitional period until **12 February 2026** providing that the certificate was signed no later than **12 November 2025**.
- The old EHCs must be signed before **12 November 2025**, or they will not be accepted by the EU Border Control Posts (BCPs). Any certificates not signed before this date will need to be cancelled in EHCO.

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Notable Changes

- In a number of EHCs, reference to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/905 is amended to include a reference to the list of third countries or regions authorised for entry into the Union, in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2598. Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2598 lays down the list of third countries or regions authorised for the entry into the Union of certain animals and products of animal origin intended for human consumption as regards the application of the prohibition on the use of certain antimicrobial medicinal products.
- The model certificate OV/CAP-SEM-A-ENTRY (EHC 8404) point II.4.13.2 and the model certificate OV/CAP-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY (EHC 8405) alternatives in point II.4.9.2 are amended concerning donor caprine animals genetically resistant to classical scrapie strains as per Chapter H, points (2)(a) and (b), of Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 by Regulation (EU) 2024/887.
- The model certificate HE-CAPTIVE-BIRDS (EHC 8453) point II.1.4 is amended with options to reuse the container if it is cleaned and disinfected before loading in accordance with the relevant provisions of assimilated EU Regulation No 1/2005 and that other parts of the attestation are complied with.
- The model certificate 'DOC' (EHC 8435) is amended with additional point II.2.11, regarding the clinical inspection of day-old-chicks carried out by the Official Veterinarian, within the period of 24 hours prior to the time of loading of the consignment.

The above is not an exhaustive list of the changes. There are other changes which were assessed as not having a major effect on certification and they will be covered in the Notes for Guidance (NFG) documents relevant to each EHC. It is the responsibility of exporters to ensure that they are aware of the latest EU requirements.

Further Information

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Annex

List of amended Live Animal EHCs:

Name	Title	GB EHC#
Ungulates		
SUI-X	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of porcine animals and animals of the family <i>Tayassuidae</i>	8450
SUI-Y	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of porcine animals intended for slaughter	8451
HIPPO	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of animals of the family <i>Hippopotamidae</i>	8455
Equine animals		
EQUI-X	Model animal health/official certificate and model declaration for the entry into the Union of an equine animal	8431
EQUI-RE-ENTRY-30	Model animal health certificate and model declaration for the re-entry into the Union of a registered horse for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export for a period of not more than 30 days	8433
EQUI-RE-ENTRY-90-COMP	Model animal health certificate and model declaration for the re-entry into the Union of a registered horse for competition after temporary export for a period of not more than 90 days to participate in equestrian events organised under the auspices of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)	8434
Ungulates intended for a confined establishment		
CONFINED-SUI	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of animals listed in Chapter 19, Section 1, of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/403 that are originating from and intended for a confined establishment	8457
CONFINED-TRE	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of animals listed in Chapter 20, Section 1, of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/403 that are originating from and intended for a confined establishment	8458
CONFINED-HIPPO	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of animals of the family of <i>Hippopotamidae</i> that are originating from and intended for a confined establishment	8459
Birds and germinal products thereof		

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BPP	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of breeding poultry other than ratites and productive poultry other than ratites	8437
BPR	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of breeding ratites and productive ratites	8438
DOC	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of day-old chicks other than ratites	8435
DOR	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of day-old chicks of ratites	8439
HEP	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites	8436
HER	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of hatching eggs of ratites	8440
SPF	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of specified pathogen-free eggs	8441
SP	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of poultry, other than ratites, intended for slaughter	8442
SR	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of ratites intended for slaughter	8443
POU-LT20	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of less than 20 heads of poultry other than ratites	8444
HE-LT20	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of less than 20 hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites	8445
CAPTIVE-BIRDS, OTHER THAN RACING PIGEONS	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of captive birds, other than racing pigeons immediately released after entry	8460
RACING PIGEONS- IMMEDIATE RELEASE	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of racing pigeons immediately released after entry	8465
HE-CAPTIVE-BIRDS	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of hatching eggs of captive birds	8453
Bees		
QUE	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of queen honeybees	8464

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Dogs, cats and ferrets		
CANIS-FELIS-FERRETS	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of dogs, cats and ferrets	8454

List of amended Germinal Product EHCs:

Name	Title	GB EHC#
Germinal products of bovine animals		
BOV-SEM-A-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, dispatched from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8401
BOV-SEM-B-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC as amended by Council Directive 2003/43/EC, after 31 December 2004 and before 21 April 2021, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8418
BOV-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of oocytes and embryos of bovine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, dispatched by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced	8402
BOV-in-vivo-EMB-B-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of <i>in vivo</i> derived embryos of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, dispatched after 20 April 2021 by the embryo collection team by which the embryos were collected	8420
BOV-in-vitro-EMB-C-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of <i>in vitro</i> produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen complying with requirements of Council Directive 88/407/EEC, dispatched after 20 April 2021 by the embryo production team by which the embryos were produced	8421
BOV-in-vitro-EMB-D-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of <i>in vitro</i> produced embryos of bovine	8422

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	animals produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved by the competent authority of the exporting third country or territory, dispatched after 20 April 2021 by the embryo production team by which the embryos were produced	
BOV-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product processing establishment	8410
BOV-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product storage centre	8403
Germinal products of ovine and caprine animals		
OV/CAP-SEM-A-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, dispatched from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8404
OV/CAP-SEM-B-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8423
OV/CAP-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, dispatched by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced	8405
OV/CAP-OOCYTES-EMB-B-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021, dispatched after 20 April 2021 by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced	8424
OV/CAP-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product processing establishment	8411
OV/CAP-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product storage centre	8425

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Germinal products of porcine animals		
POR-SEM-A-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of semen of porcine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, dispatched from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8406
POR-SEM-B-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of porcine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC before 21 April 2021, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8426
POR-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product processing establishment	8413
POR-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product storage centre	8414
Germinal products of equine animals		
EQUI-SEM-A-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, dispatched from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8407
EQUI-SEM-B-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8427
EQUI-SEM-C-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8428
EQUI-SEM-D-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 1 September 2010, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected	8409

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EQUI-OOCYTES- EMB-A-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, dispatched by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced	8408
EQUI-OOCYTES- EMB-B-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021, dispatched after 20 April 2021 by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced	8429
EQUI-OOCYTES- EMB-C-ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014, dispatched after 20 April 2021 by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced	8430
EQUI-GP- PROCESSING- ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product processing establishment	8415
EQUI-GP- STORAGE- ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product storage centre	8416
Germinal products of certain categories of terrestrial animals		
GP-CONFINED- ENTRY	Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of semen, oocytes and embryos of terrestrial animals kept at confined establishments which were collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692	8417

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