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Guidance on the certification of the attestation regarding antimicrobial medicinal products for exports to the European Union

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Amendments to Annex 1 added 07th August 2026 highlighted in yellow.

Purpose

To advise Official Veterinarians and Food Competent Certifying Officers on certification of the attestation regarding antimicrobial medicinal products for Products Of Animal Origin (POAO) and some live animal Export Health Certificates used for exports to the European Union.

Background

From 3 September 2026, the attestation regarding antimicrobial medicinal products as regards Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/905 must be certified where the European Union is the final destination, regardless of the date of production (in the case of POAO).

For POAO obtained from food-producing animals in the UK and for live animals originating in the UK, the attestation may be certified on the basis of the UK Veterinary Medicines Regulations, the UK Maximum Residue Limit legal framework, and Great Britain's listing in the relevant EU third-country list.

Certifying Officers should note that Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2598, to which the attestation refers, has been repealed and replaced by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1189. The relevant third-country list is now contained in Annex XVIa of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405, as amended.

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The list of affected Export Health Certificates can be found below in Annex 1.

Notes for Guidance for the affected certificates will be updated in due course.

Action

From 3 September 2026, Certifying Officers must ensure that the attestation regarding antimicrobial medicinal products is certified where the EU is the final destination of the consignment.

For UK-origin POAO and live animals, certification may be supported by the UK legal framework and GB's EU listing status.

Where a consignment contains POAO obtained from non-EU third-country origin animals, including products used as ingredients, further processed in GB, or already stored in GB before the requirement applies, the Certifying Officer must be satisfied that the products comply with the antimicrobial medicinal products attestation.

Exporters must provide sufficient traceability evidence to demonstrate that any non-EU third-country-origin POAO or live animals come from a country or region listed for the relevant product or animal in Annex XVla of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405, as amended.

Further Information

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Annex 1

Note: Certificates shown in grey are currently unavailable or on hold.

POAO certificates:

PAO	Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of other products of animal origin derived from domestic ungulates, poultry, rabbits or fishery products intended for human consumption and not covered by Articles 8 to 26 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235	8392
SUF	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding offal, minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of animals kept as farmed game or wild breeds of porcine animals and animals of the family Tayassuidae	8374

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POU	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of poultry other than ratites	8371
RAT	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of ratites	8377
COLOSTRUM	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of colostrum intended for human consumption	8357
COLOSTRUM-BP	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of colostrum-based products intended for human consumption	8358
E	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of eggs intended for human consumption	8359
EP	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of egg products intended for human consumption	8360
FISH-CRUST-HC	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of live fish, live crustaceans and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption	8361
RUF	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding offal, minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of animals of the family Bovidae (other than domestic bovine, ovine and caprine animals), camelid animals and cervid animals kept as farmed game	8366
MILK/RMP-NT	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of dairy products intended for human consumption derived from raw milk or dairy products therefrom, or both, that are not required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment	8467
BOV	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding mechanically separated meat, of domestic bovine animals	8368
DAIRY-PRODUCTS-PT	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of dairy products intended for human consumption that are required to undergo a pasteurisation treatment	8468
OVI	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding mechanically separated meat, of domestic ovine and caprine animals	8369
POR	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding mechanically separated meat, of domestic porcine animals	8370

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RM	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of farmed rabbits	8380
MP-PREP	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of meat preparations intended for human consumption	8383
MPNT	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of meat products intended for human consumption, including rendered animal fats and greaves, meat extracts and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, others than casings, that are not required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment	8384
MPST	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of meat products intended for human consumption, including rendered animal fats and greaves, meat extracts and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, others than casings, that are required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment	8385
CAS	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of casings intended for human consumption	8393
MILK-RM	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of raw milk intended for human consumption	8469
SUI-MSM	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of mechanically separated meat, intended for human consumption, of domestic porcine animals	8382
HON	Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of honey and other apiculture products intended for human consumption	8391
EQU	Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of domestic solipeds (<i>Equus caballus</i> , <i>Equus asinus</i> and their cross-breeds)	8373
EU-FISH	Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of fishery products intended for human consumption caught by vessels flying the flag of a Member State and transferred in third countries with or without storage	8362
FISH/MOL-CAP	Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of fishery products or fishery products derived from bivalve molluscs intended for human consumption entering the Union directly from a reefer, freezer or factory vessel flying the flag of a third country as provided for in Article 11(3) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625	8363
MOL-HC	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates, marine gastropods and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption	8364

Live animal certificates:

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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 certificate for the entry into the Union of breeding ratites and productive ratites	8438
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
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 Northern Ireland of porcine animals intended for slaughter	8451
EQUI-X	Model animal health/official certificate and model declaration for the entry into the Union of equine animals	8431
BOV-X	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of bovine animals	8446
BOV-Y	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into Northern Ireland of bovine animals intended for slaughter	8447
OV/CAP-X	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of ovine and caprine animals	8448
OV/CAP-Y	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into Northern Ireland of ovine and caprine animals intended for slaughter	8449
CAM-CER	Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of camelid and cervid animals	8452

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