

Guidance to EU Member States on livestock exports to the UK

In response to the European Commission's Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466, the UK has introduced temporary official controls measures to address COVID-19 disruption. These were outlined in the UK Chief Veterinary Officer's letter to the Director, Crisis Management in Food, Animals and Plants, DG for Health and Safety of 20 April.

Please find below guidance for Official Veterinarians and Competent Authorities of Member States to aid in the process of **electronic certification for livestock animals to be exported to the UK**.

- The Official Veterinarian in the EU Member State of origin certifies the ITAHC and validates it on TRACES to create the notification of trade message to the UK.
- The Official Veterinarian scans and emails an electronic copy of the ITAHC to:
 - a. **The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) if destination is Great Britain** (includes England, Wales and Scotland):
ImportsRiskManagement@apha.gov.uk
 - b. **The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for if destination is Northern Ireland:**
tradesectionadmin@daera-ni.gov.uk
- The Subject Line of the email must contain the full ITAHC reference number e.g. INTRA.FR.2020.nnnnnnn. This will assist APHA/DAERA to use electronic searches to locate an ITAHC upon request.
- The original ITAHC must be provided as soon as technically feasible.

UK Border Force is aware that original signed ITAHCs might not be accompanying consignments from some Member States. UK Border Force will submit requests to verify the authenticity of any ITAHC to APHA or DAERA. APHA or DAERA will provide verification of the authenticity of any ITAHC from the stored emails received from Member States but can only respond to authentication requests during normal business hours (08.30 -17.00 hours Monday to Friday).

A flow chart setting out the process is attached.

Step 1: EU member state
OV to certify the ITAHC
and validate it on TRACES
to create the notification of
trade message to the UK

Step 2: If destination is in England, Wales
or Scotland, email scanned copy of ITAHC
to ImportsRiskManagement@apha.gov.uk

The Subject Line of the email must contain
the full ITAHC reference number e.g.
INTRA.FR.2020.nnnnnnn. This will assist
'APHA England' to use electronic searches
to locate an ITAHC upon request.

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soon as technically feasible.

Step 2: If destination is in Northern
Ireland, email scanned copy of ITAHC to
tradesectionadmin@daera-ni.gov.uk

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the full ITAHC reference number e.g.
INTRA.FR.2020.nnnnnnn. This will assist
DAERA to use electronic searches to
locate an ITAHC upon request.

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