



DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner: Third Country EHC Crown Gold Removal – Including Guidance on Printing and Scanning EHCs with a Dithered Watermark

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Audience: authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs)

Subject: Improved Digital Security Measures for Export Health Certificates – Removal of Crown Vellum (Gold) Watermarked Paper

Content

- Guidance on new digital security features for Third Country EHCs
- Link to current list of participating Third Countries- please see point 5
- Guidance on how to print and scan EHCs with dithered watermark – please see Annexes 2 and 3

Background

1. [Trade Exports Bulletin 02/22](#) confirmed the commencement of the Public Beta phase of the roll-out of new digital security measures for Health Certificates for Products of Animal Origin and Live Animals being exported to Third Countries.
2. Implementation of the use of digital security measures as the business-as-usual process for issuing EHCs is progressing on **a phased approach**.
3. This feature (see **Annex 1** for example EHC) will continue to be applied to EHCs issued through DECOL, for the Third Countries whose Competent Authorities have been approached to adopt it.
4. The up-to-date list of Third Countries this applies to can be found in the **Crown Gold Removal- Participating Third Countries and Other Guidance** document which can be found at this link.

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-third-country-exports-information>

There will be no further issuance of bulletins on a phase-by-phase basis.

5. As part of the implementation plan, DAERA Trade Programme will update relevant EHCs produced by DECOL for each Third Country as they agree to the use of the new measures.



6. When a Third Country agrees to implement the use of the new digital security measures, EHCs will be printed on plain white paper with the new digital security features. If a white paper easement agreement was previously in place, the new measures will supersede that arrangement.
7. [DAERA Trade Exports Bulletin 06/21](#) provided guidance on printing procedures for the new digital security measures.
8. When printing the hard copy, please ensure that ink levels in your printer are at adequate levels to produce a hard copy where the dithered watermark is sufficiently visible (See Annex 2 for comparison)
9. When taking a scan of the EHC for retention in your own records or for return to DAERA, please ensure that the resolution and/or other settings on your scanner are at an adequate level to produce a legible scan copy. (See Annex 3 for comparison).
10. **All other** EHCs will continue to be:
 - Issued using white paper as a temporary measure (where agreements are in place);
 - Issued using Crown Vellum (Gold) watermarked security paper;
 - Issued on white paper where Crown Vellum watermarked Paper is not required e.g. EHCs for the European Union (EU).
11. DAERA will continue to respond to any correspondence from the Importing Competent Authority, if any queries are received regarding the authenticity of a white paper EHC. DAERA may contact Certifying Officers to complete authenticity checks should the need arise.

Further Information

- Any queries relating to the new digital security measures should be sent to: DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk. Please include the words '**Dithered Watermarked EHC**' in the subject line of any enquiries.

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Annex 1

An example of an EHC including the new dithered watermark (for illustration purposes):





Annex 2

EHC printed on machine with inadequate ink level, dithered watermark not sufficiently visible- **hard copy unacceptable**



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AND ORIGIN CERTIFICATE FOR DOMESTIC DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS
TÜRKİYE CUMHURİYETİ'NE
KÖPEK, KEDİ VE GELİNCİKLERİN
TÜRKİYE CUMHURİYETİ'NE
ORJİN VE VETERİNER SAĞLIK SERTİFİKASI

Sertifikası No:	
Ülke: UNITED KINGDOM	Country of Destination/Gideceği Ülke TURKEY/TÜRKİYE
Gönderen: DEFRA	
Gönderenin adı ve adresi:	
Vasıtası: TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST T (Kamyon, tren, gemi veya uçak)	
Vasıtanın Kayıt no, gemi adı veya uçuş numarası TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST	
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MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS (OTHER THAN RAW MILK CHEESE¹) TO AUSTRALIA

DATE

OF ORIGIN: UNITED KINGDOM

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

NAME OF THE CONSIGNMENT

DESCRIPTION (product name and commodity type):

NUMBER OF PACKAGES:

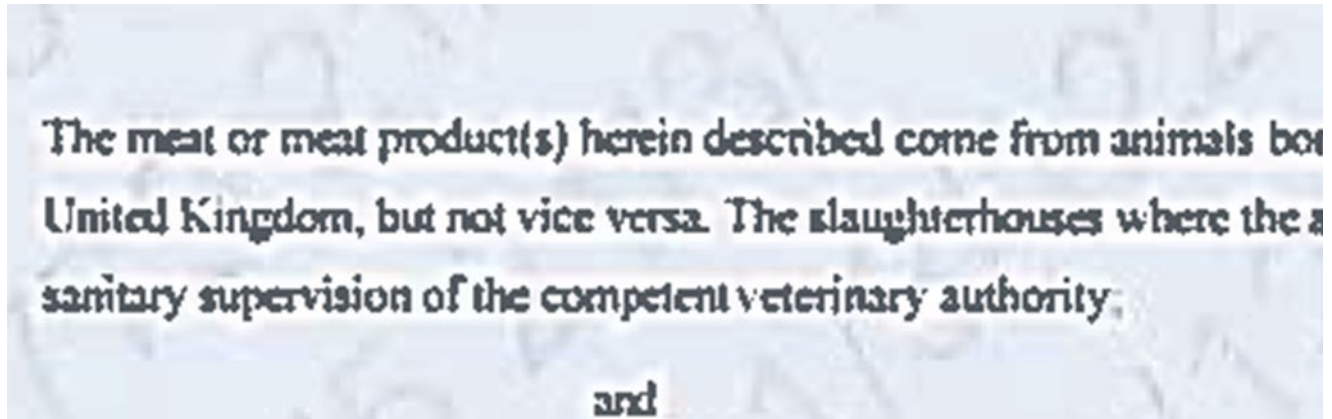
TEST OF CONSIGNMENT:

MARKS (serial numbers, batch numbers):



Annex 3

EHC scanned at 200dpi (lower resolution). Text is not adequately legible- **scan quality unacceptable.**



EHC scanned at 600dpi (higher resolution). Text is adequately legible- **scan quality acceptable.**

