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# Animal Health Regulations

Including new composite product rules



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# Introduction of Animal Health Regulation

- EU adopted the 'Animal Health Law' (AHR) in 2016
- Will be applied from 21 April 2021
- Establishes new rules for third countries exporting to the EU
- EHCs will be updated to reflect the new legislation – most won't need to be changed until August 2021
- EU is also introducing new rules for the export of composite products
- Five new EHCs and a Private Attestation are needed from 21 April – these are available on EHC Online and Form Finder
- All EU Export Health Certificates (EHCs) and Notes for Guidance are being updated to reflect the new rules by August 2021

# Northern Ireland - Animal Health Regulation

- AHR will apply in Northern Ireland
- Traders moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland will need to ensure that they meet the new requirements
- Businesses on the Authorised Trader list moving goods from GB to NI will not be required to complete new EHCs or private attestations
- STAMNI declarations will meet these requirements
- However, all goods moved by Authorised Traders from GB to NI must comply with the regulatory requirements for composite products

# What does this mean for April 2021?

- You can view the new EHCs, and the accompanying Notes for Guidance, via form finder including:
  - Three new products of animal origin (POAO) EHCs
  - Two new composite EHCs
  - A private attestation document for composites exempt from certification
- You should familiarise yourselves with the new EHCs and private attestation document to ensure your products meet the new requirements
- The changes to the export of composite products does not alter who can sign a composite product EHC
- New EHCs for certain live animals and germinal products
- We will continue to keep businesses informed about the phasing of the new EHCs and will provide guidance and information

# Composite Definitions

- **Composite product** (defined in Article 2 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625)
  - “...food containing both products of plant origin and **processed** products of animal origin”
- **Shelf-stable composite products** (Article 2 of the draft legislation)
  - “...products that do not need to be transported or stored under controlled temperatures”
- **Controlled temperature**
  - “... products have been produced in a way that does not allow their transport and storage at ambient temperature.

# Phased Approach

- EU's new rules will allow exporters to the EU to use the current EHCs for a short period of time - the EU's phased approach means that:
  - If you export a composite product that currently requires an EHC you will be able to keep using the current EHC until August 2021 or you may choose to use the new documentation
  - If your product does not currently require an EHC, but under the new rules will need one, you will need to use the new composite EHC from 21st April 2021
  - If your composite products are currently exempt from certification, but under the new rules will need a private attestation, you will need to use this new document from 21 April 2021
- There will be composite goods that are currently exempt from the requirement to have an EHC which will require either an EHC, or a private attestation under the new rules

# New Composite EHCs

- Chilled and frozen products, as well as any product containing meat (except gelatine etc), will need the new EHC
- Shelf stable products, aside from those including meat, will need the attestation
- Within the shelf stable group, certain products are excluded from checks at the BCP. For these the attestation is only needed at the point the product is placed on the market



# Composite products subject to BCP/PoE checks and requiring a private attestation

- The private attestation does not have to be signed by an OV or FCCO and must be prepared and signed by the importing food business operator in the EU/NI
- Exporters role – familiarise yourself with attestation requirements to provide your EU based trading partner or agent with the product information they need to complete the form.
- You will need to provide a breakdown of ingredients of composite products

# Composite products subject to risk-based destination checks and requiring a private attestation

- Shelf-stable composite products not containing processed meat and is listed in legislation (including bread, pasta, olives, sweets) are exempt from BCP/PoE checks, provided the products meet certain requirements
- Exporters role - familiarise yourself with attestation requirements to provide your EU based trading partner or agent with the product information they need to complete the form
- You will need to provide a breakdown of ingredients of composite products

## Heat treatment of dairy

- Shelf-stable composite products containing no meat require the private attestation under the EU rules introduced from April 2021
- This requires the dairy and egg content to meet specified heat treatment requirements
- EU confirmed amending AHR to allow dairy not heat treated to be exported using private attestation – interim arrangements will allow trade to continue

## Composite products containing honey, gelatine, collagen, snails or highly refined products

- There are different rules for composite products containing honey, gelatine or snails
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# Useful Links

Description	Useful Link
Traders mailbox	<a href="mailto:traders@defra.gov.uk">traders@defra.gov.uk</a>
Export Health Certificates	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-an-export-health-certificate">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-an-export-health-certificate</a>
GOV.UK Form Finder	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates">www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates</a>
Private Attestation	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates/export-shelf-stable-composite-products-to-the-european-union-and-northern-ireland-importer-declaration-8352">https://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates/export-shelf-stable-composite-products-to-the-european-union-and-northern-ireland-importer-declaration-8352</a>
EU Commission guidance	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/international_affairs/trade/special-eu-import-conditions-composite-products_en">https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/international_affairs/trade/special-eu-import-conditions-composite-products_en</a>
Composite product decision tree	<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/1jcfn4wsbd2bwa5/Updated%20CP%20Decision%20Tree%20v12.pdf?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/1jcfn4wsbd2bwa5/Updated%20CP%20Decision%20Tree%20v12.pdf?dl=0</a>