

DECOL

DAERA EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATION ON LINE



SYSTEM GUIDANCE AND USEFUL INFORMATION

FOR EXPORTERS OF ANIMALS
AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS
FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

EXPORTING ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

Live animals e.g. cattle, sheep, cats and dogs and animal products e.g. meat, milk products and germplasm **must** be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate (EHC) signed by an authorised Veterinarian.

An EHC is an official document that confirms your export meets the health requirements of the destination country.

You can obtain an EHC from the Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) using the online application process outlined in this booklet.

You can access the most up to date animal / animal product export information and guidance, including <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>, on the <u>DAERA website</u>.

The guidance in this booklet is intended to provide an overview of the current process to apply online for an Export Health Certificate (EHC).

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INTRODUCING DECOL

What is DECOL?

DECOL is the new online application system for Export Health Certificates in Northern Ireland.

It has been developed and introduced to underpin the Export Health Certification (EHC) service provided by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

An EHC is an official document confirming that an export meets the health requirements of the destination country, supporting local industry in the export of animal and animal products from Northern Ireland.

Why use DECOL?

- DECOL is the new digital service for Export Health Certificate applications, supporting your export;
- DECOL puts you in control of your export application;
- DECOL uses the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) <u>Form Finder</u>, a unique online resource providing access to regularly updated Export Health Certificate templates, reflecting the requirements of many EU and Non-EU exports;
- DECOL forms part of Northern Ireland preparations for EU Exit.

Export Application Process – An Overview

- Animal or product export requirements identified from <u>DAERA</u> <u>Website</u>;
- Export Health Certificate (EHC) obtained using <u>APHA Form Finder</u> or <u>DAERA Website</u>;
- EHC downloaded then completed with unique export details;
- Exporter creates a DECOL application, uploading their completed EHC in Portable Document Format (PDF) along with associated supporting documents;
- Applications are administered by DAERA Customer Services Branch (CSB) at regional offices across Northern Ireland;
- Application details and supporting documents are provided to the relevant Certifying Officer for review and certification;
- EHC is made available to the exporter or their <u>nominated Authorised</u>
 Veterinary Inspector (AVI) to certify export.

NOTE: From 18 September 2019 all exporters are required to provide a minimum of 1 full working days' notice of the intended date of dispatch of the consignment from the dispatching premises.

This change is reflected within the **Date of Loading** section when submitting your online application.

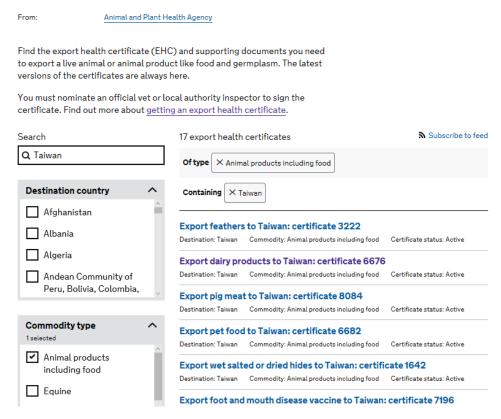
APPLYING FOR A NEW EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Navigate to the <u>DAERA Website</u> for full information and guidance on what you will need to have available **before** you start your application.

To create a new application for your export, follow the instructions below:

 Search Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) <u>Form Finder</u> to find an appropriate Export Health Certificate application in Portable Document Format (PDF).

Find an export health certificate



Use this interactive tool to search for the most up to date certificates by:

- o Commodity (i.e. pigs/poultry/animal products, including food), or;
- Importing country (i.e. Barbados)

Typing either of these in the 'Search' box <u>or</u> selecting from the available drop down menus* will help to focus your search and present all relevant EHCs.

Click on the certificate you require.

* ' Animal products including food ' includes all dairy and meat EHCs.

Each certificate has its own page, providing the EHC and useful information on completing and submitting it.

What you need to do

Part 1: Export health certificate (EHC) and notes for guidance (NFG)

Download and fill in the EHC application.

· Export dairy products to Taiwan: certificate 6676, version 3

Download the NEG

The NFG document outlines checks the official veterinarian (OV) or authorised veterinarian inspector must carry out before signing the certificate.

- Guidance notes for certificate 6676, version 3: Export dairy products to Taiwan
- 6676 COP

Part 2: Export application form (EXA)

Exporters in England, Scotland and Wales must download and fill in the EXA.

EXA07 Meat, Dairy, Miscellaneous products, fish and fishery products

Exporters in Northern Ireland must check the relevant <u>commodity</u> section of the DAERA website for any other mandatory forms.

Part 3: Submit your application forms

Exporters in England, Scotland and Wales should email their completed documents to:

- Application processing team processingteam@apha.gov.uk
- If you have questions call the helpline: 03000 200 301

Exporters in Northern Ireland should submit their completed documents using the DAERA online application system.

If you have questions call the DAERA helpline: 02877442060

Once you have sourced the relevant EHC, save a copy to your desktop / local storage drive for completion.

You will need to have access to this completed EHC and any other relevant supporting documents for upload to DECOL.

You must use Adobe Reader to fill in your EHC. Adobe Reader is a program that allows you to read and complete fields within a PDF document.

You can <u>download the latest version of Adobe Reader</u> for free – it only takes a few minutes.

TIP: You need to download and save the certificate to your local file storage facility <u>before</u> completing it, to begin your application using the DECOL system.

The associated Guidance Notes provide information to exporters and Official Veterinarians on the requirements of the certificate, including where additional copies are required for export.

Complete all available sections, shown in blue highlight – see below:

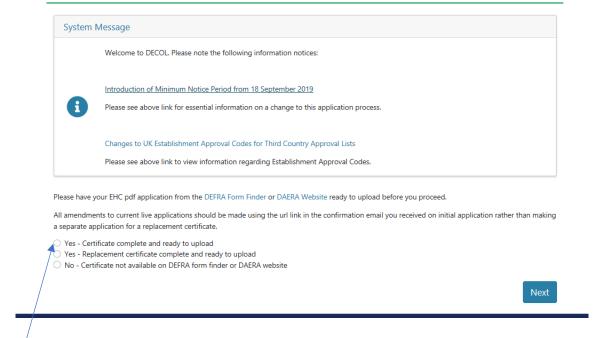


TIP: If any section is not relevant to your application, you should make this clear by inserting N/A where appropriate.

Navigate to the **DECOL application webpage**:



Export Application



Click 'Yes - Certificate complete and ready to upload'.

Use this where you have been able to source, download and then complete the relevant EHC from Form Finder.

Click Next.

Need a Replacement Certificate?

Follow the guidance at page 19

Can't find an EHC for your export?

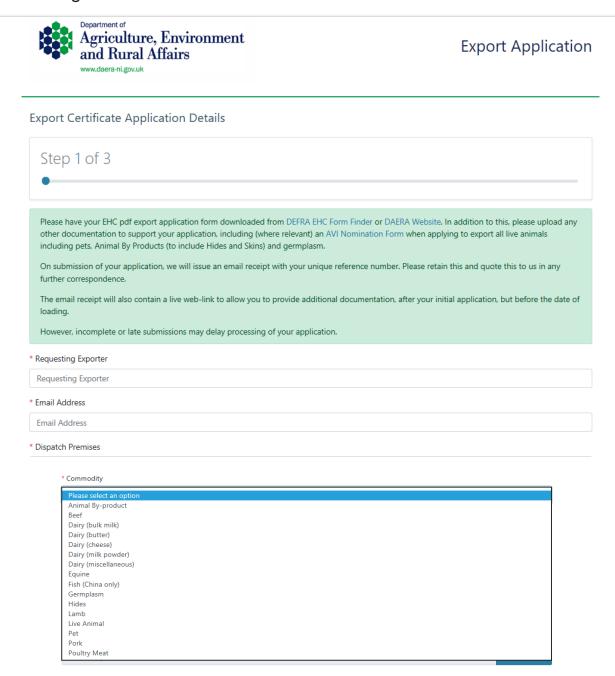
Follow the guidance at page 31

Step 1 of 3 – Export Certificate Application Details

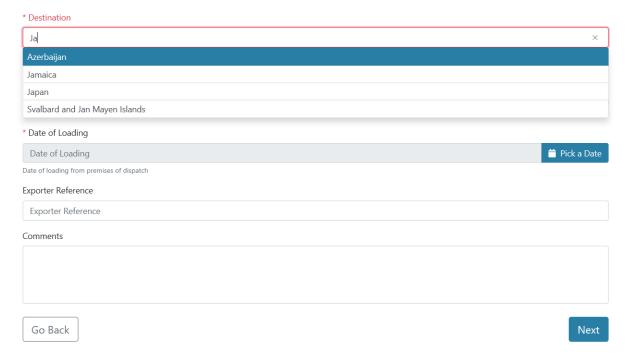
You will then be prompted to enter details about your consignment.

This is essential to creating a DECOL record so DAERA can begin processing your application.

All details marked * are mandatory – you **must** enter these to progress to the next stage.



TIP: Destination field is a search box – begin typing the country of destination to display available choices.



TIP: The Date of Loading is the date on which the product is loaded onto the transport vehicle at the premises of dispatch.

NOTE: From 18 September 2019 all exporters are required to provide a minimum of 1 full working days' notice of the intended date of dispatch of the consignment from the dispatching premises. This change is reflected within the Date of Loading field.

Comments Box

The **Comments** section allows entry of additional information relating to the application.

You should use this to provide (amongst others):

- important information to support your application;
- detail of any essential documents that are not available when you submit your application.

It is vital that **all** essential information in support of your application is provided to DAERA as soon as it becomes available. Failure to do so will have an impact on the ability to issue export certification.

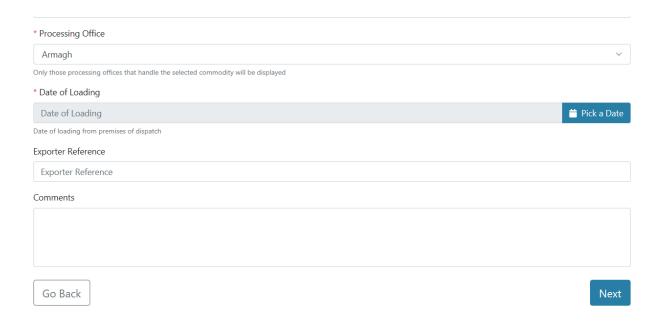
TIP: You will have a limited opportunity to provide essential information and documents after your initial application has been submitted.

See page 18 for details.

If any mandatory field has been left out, DECOL will highlight the missing areas – you will not be able to progress to Step 2 until all required details have been entered.

TIP: Please check all details of your application to ensure they are correct. Your application will be delayed if details are incorrect.

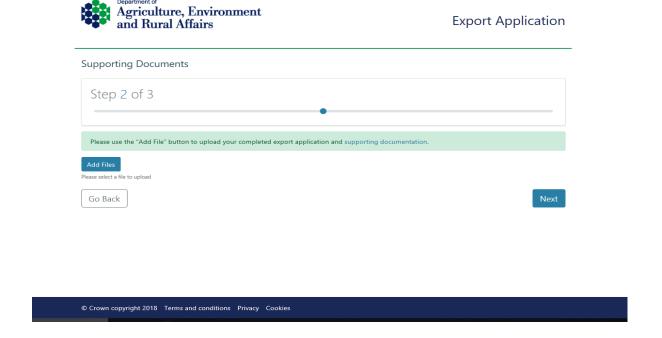
When you are happy all details are entered and are correct, click **Next**.



See the next page for Step 2.

Step 2 of 3 – Supporting Documents

You are asked to upload your completed EHC along with any supporting documents from your desktop / local storage drive.



^{*} Relevant supporting documents will vary.

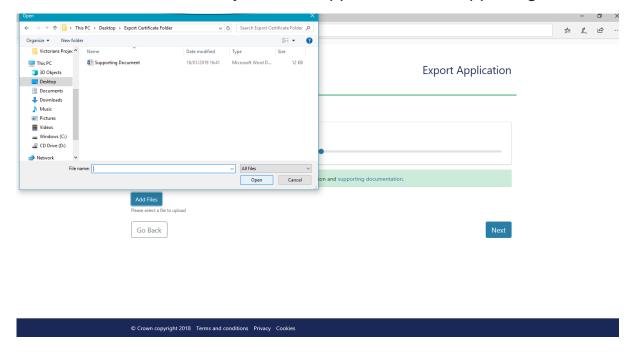
Depending on the destination and type of export - you **may** be required to provide information such as:

- confirmation of country of birth;
- disease declarations:
- manufacturer declarations:
- export schedule (used only if there is not enough space for full product details on the EHC form).

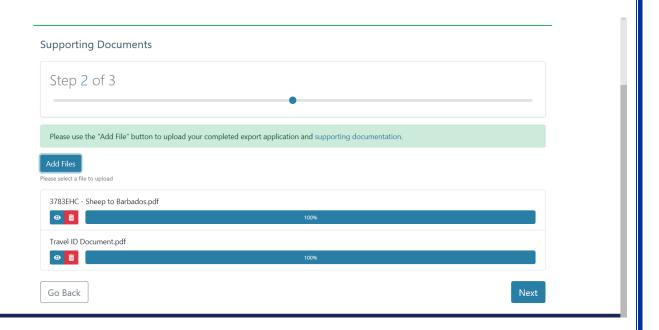
NOTE: This is **not** an exhaustive list.

Before you apply, you should check the <u>Form Finder</u> 'Notes for Guidance' document associated with your export application and, where applicable, the <u>DAERA Website</u> for export product specific requirements.

Click Add Files to browse for your EHC application and supporting documents



TIP: DECOL can facilitate upload of multiple documents at once – hold down the Control (Ctrl) key and click each document you wish to upload.



The upload status bar will indicate successful uploading of each document.

You can check that the correct documents have uploaded using the View icon



In the event that an incorrect document has uploaded, you can delete it using the **Dustbin** icon then click Add Files to upload the correct document.



Once all necessary documents have been uploaded successfully, click Next.

TIP: You will not be able to progress to Step 3 until documents have uploaded successfully.

Step 3 of 3 - Declarations

Confirmation of Exporter Declaration



Before you submit your application, you **must** confirm your understanding and acceptance of the conditions under which DAERA will provide your Export Health Certificate.

To accept these conditions and submit your application, click the box then click **Submit**.

Confirmation of Application Receipt



Export Application

Application Submitted

Ref: 19/3/00089

Your application has been submitted successfully.

Please click below if you wish to submit another application

Start new application

On successful submission of your application, DECOL will provide your unique reference number.

This is important – it will be referenced in any communication about your application.

TIP: The number you receive will be reflected on your completed Export Health Certificate.

Email Confirmation

DECOL will also issue an email receipt (to the address entered in Step 1) providing your unique reference number and a summary of the application.

TIP: The email receipt also contains a live web-link to allow you to provide (where appropriate) additional information and / or documentation that was not available at the time of your online application.

You will be permitted to do this from your initial application date up until the date of loading.



Retention Policy E-mail Retention Policy (3 month Rule) (90 days)

🕦 Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

Thank you for your application (Unique Ref number:19/3/105778) which has been submitted for processing.

If you have to contact us about your application or submit further information please contact <u>DAERA Direct Regional Office</u> quoting this unique reference number. Should we require any further information relating to this application we will also contact you quoting this unique reference number.

You can submit additional information up until the date of loading at the following link.



Details of your application

Exporter Reference: AN 1234 Commodity: Pork Product details: Shoulder Dispatch premises: Newry Destination: Japan Processing office: Armagh Date Submitted: 26 September 2019

We will aim to process Pork applications within 3 working days

Regards

DAERA Customer Services Branch

REQUESTING A REPLACEMENT EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

DAERA recognise that, on occasion, errors may occur in the information provided or certain important details used to produce an Export Health Certificate may change.

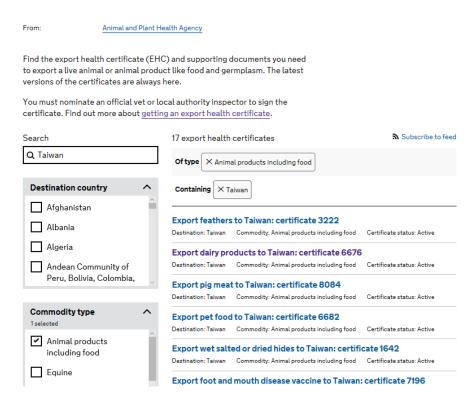
However, once the EHC is issued by a certifying officer to the exporter, any further changes, such as a change of consignee after date of export and issue, will require an application for a Replacement EHC using DECOL.

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TIP: You must download and save the certificate to your local file storage facility <u>before</u> completing it, to begin your application using the DECOL system.

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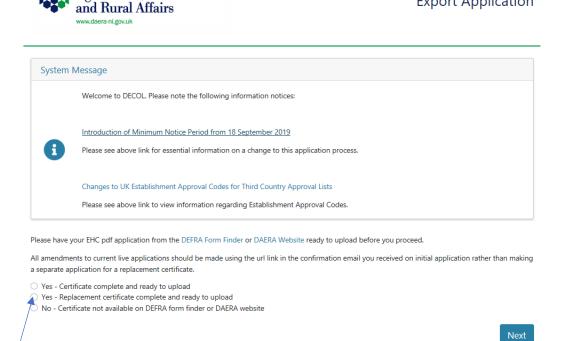
Complete **all** available sections, shown in blue highlight – see below:



TIP: If any section is **not relevant** to your application, make this clear by inserting **N/A** where appropriate.

Navigate to the **DECOL application webpage**:

Agriculture, Environment



Click 'Yes - Replacement certificate complete and ready to upload'.

Use this where you have been able to source, complete and download the relevant EHC from Form Finder.

Click Next

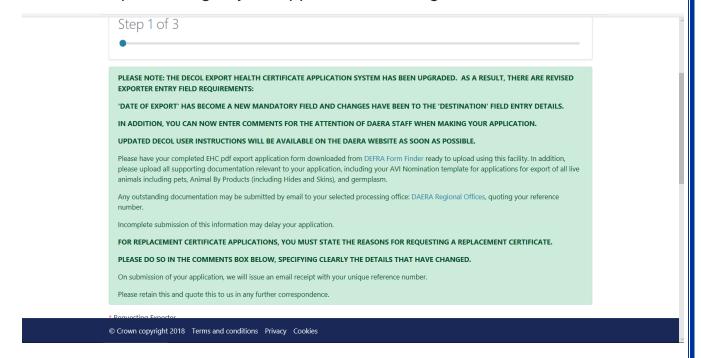
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Export Application

Step 1 of 3 – Export Certificate Application Details

You will be prompted to enter details about your consignment.

All details marked * are mandatory – you must enter these to progress to the next stage. Entry of these details is required to populate the DECOL database and ensure processing of your application can begin.

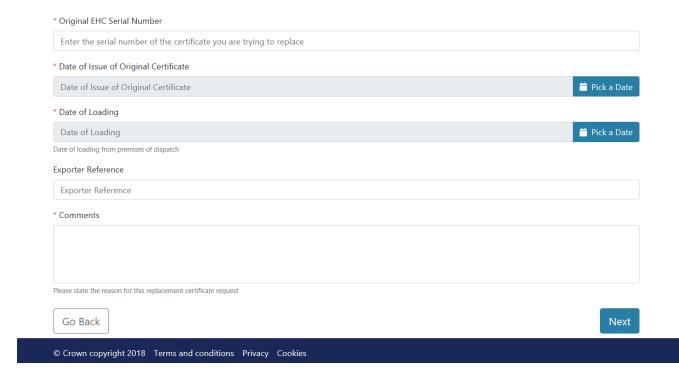


TIP: The Destination field is a search box – begin typing the country of destination to display available choices.



For Replacement Certificate applications, you must:

- enter the number of the original EHC you are applying to replace, and;
- enter the original date of issue.



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Comments Box

The **Comments** section allows entry of additional information relating to the application.

You should use this to:

- state clearly the reason for replacement;
- provide important information to support your application;
- provide detail of any essential documents that are **not** currently available but will follow.

It is vital that **all** essential information in support of your application is provided **as soon as it becomes available**. Failure to do so will have an impact on the ability to issue export certification.

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When you have entered all the required details, click Next.

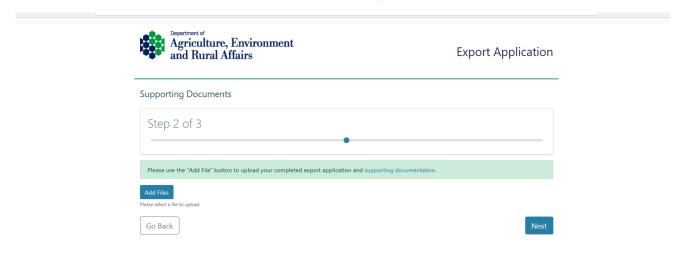


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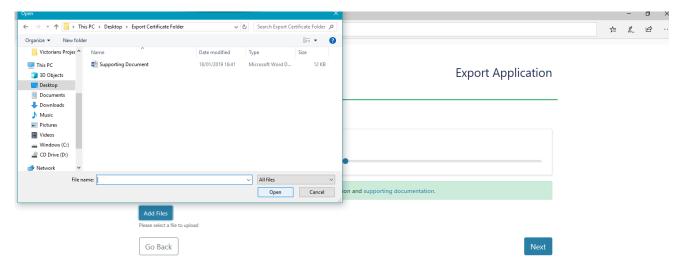
Step 2 of 3 – Supporting Documents

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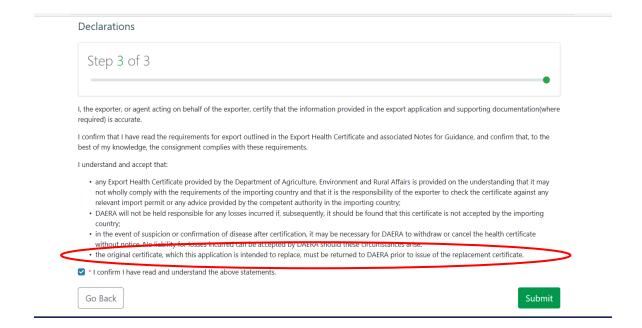
Once you are happy that all required documents have been uploaded successfully, click **Next.**

TIP: You will **not** be able to progress to **Step 3** until documents have uploaded successfully.

Step 3 of 3 - Declarations

Confirmation of Exporter Declaration

Before you complete your application, you must confirm your understanding and acceptance of the conditions under which DAERA will provide your Export Health Certificate.



TIP: For replacement certificate applications, you must return the original certificate to DAERA.

When you have read these conditions, click the box then click **Submit**.

TIP: You must click the box to Submit your application.

Confirmation of Application Receipt



Export Application

Application Submitted

Ref: 19/3/00089

Your application has been submitted successfully.

Please click below if you wish to submit another application

Start new application

On successful submission of your application, DECOL will provide your unique reference number.

This is important – you will need to refer to it in any communication about your application.

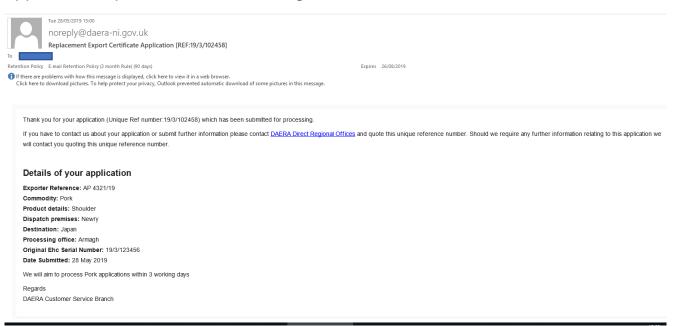
Equally, we will also use this in any communication we have about your application.

<u>TIP</u>: The number you receive will be reflected on your completed Export Health Certificate.

Email Confirmation

DECOL will also issue an email receipt (to the email address entered in Step 1) providing your unique reference number and a summary of the application.

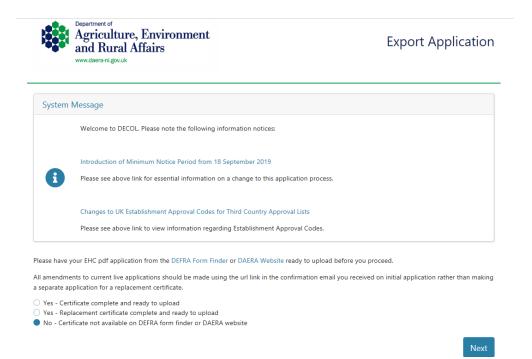
The email receipt also contains a live web-link to allow you to provide (where appropriate) additional information and / or documentation, <u>after</u> your initial application, up to the date of loading.



CAN'T FIND AN EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR PRODUCT?

If the appropriate EHC application cannot be located on <u>Form Finder</u> or the <u>DAERA Website</u>, you can still apply for an Export Health Certificate online.

Navigate to the <u>DECOL application webpage</u>:



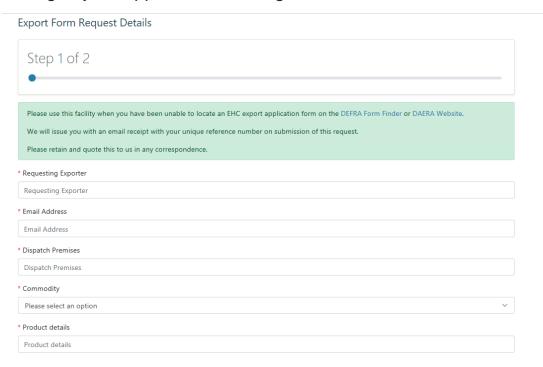
Click 'No - Certificate not available on DEFRA form finder or DAERA website'.

Click Next.

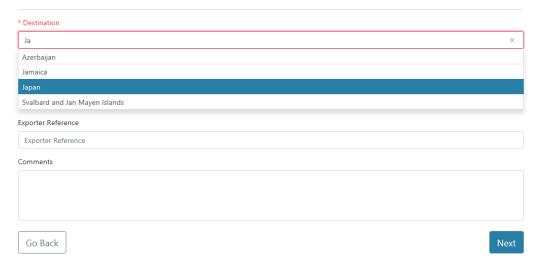
Step 1 of 2

You will then be prompted to enter details of your consignment.

Entry of these details is required to populate the DECOL database and ensure processing of your application can begin.



TIP: Destination field is a search box – begin typing the country of destination to display available choices.

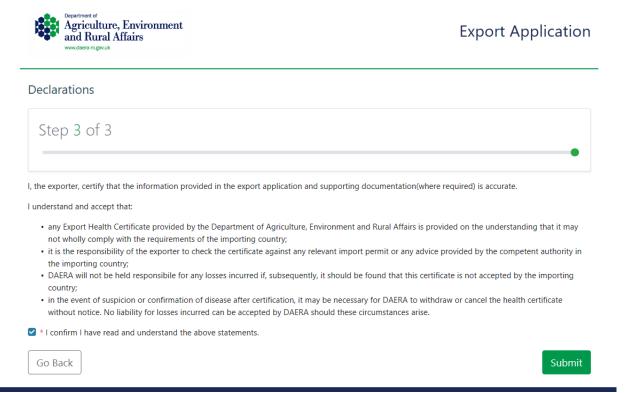


Once you have entered your details, click **Next**.

TIP: You will **not** be able to progress to **Step 2** until all mandatory details have been completed.

Step 2 of 2

Confirmation of Exporter Declaration

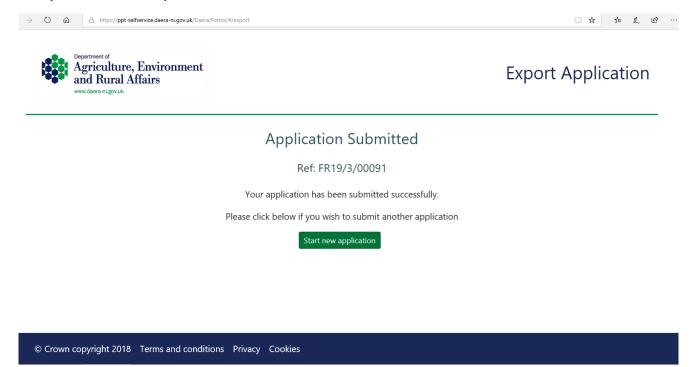


Before you complete your application, you must confirm your understanding and acceptance of the conditions under which DAERA will provide certification services.

To accept these conditions, click the box then click Submit.

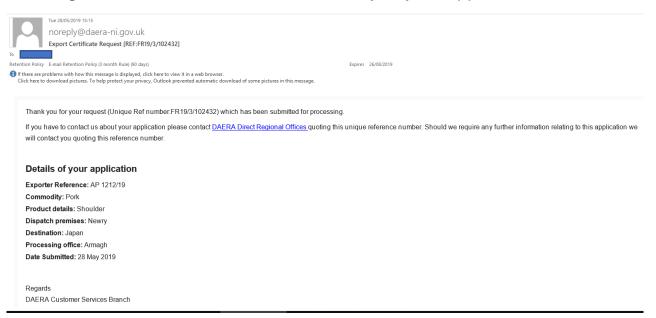
Confirmation of Application Submission

On successful submission of your replacement certificate application, DECOL will provide a unique reference number.



Email Confirmation

You will also receive confirmation, to the email address entered in Step 1, including a reference number and a summary of your application details.

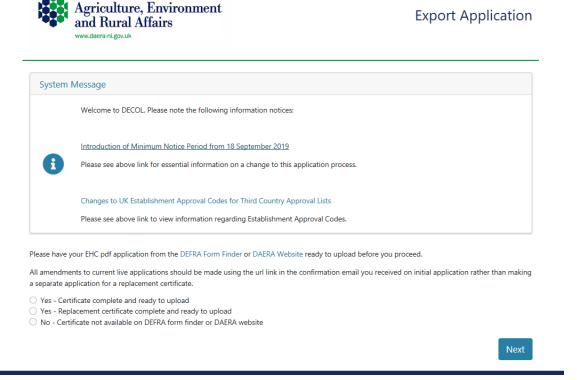


* Please see next page for important information from DAERA

IMPORTANT:

Once your application has been received, DAERA staff will contact you to provide you with:

- a) the appropriate Export Health Certificate to complete and submit as a new application* or;
- b) further information and guidance on the next steps.
- * You will be required to re-apply via DECOL, this time following the guidance from page 6 of this document (Submitting a New Application).



TIP: The reference number allocated through your original application will no longer be valid.

A **new** reference number will be generated to replace the one provided in your initial application.