

DAERA Guidance on movement of Poultry Meat from NI, Animal Health Law Export Health Certificates and onward certification of NI origin poultry meat from GB to EU/NI

Guidance on certification requirements for movement of fresh poultry meat from

- NI to GB
- NI to EU
- NI to GB for further processing and onward certification from GB to EU/NI*

This guidance is provided to Food Business Operators (FBOs) and Certifying Officers (COs) in Northern Ireland to help determine whether a Support Health Attestation (SHA) is required to accompany movement of meat from NI to GB. There are scenarios where DAERA does not expect an SHA to be required to support final certification in GB, however where NI FBOs/COs determine that an SHA may no longer be required, the FBO should liaise with the Importer and CO in GB prior to making any changes to the current arrangements

***Please note that export health certificates (EHCs) available in 2021 for the certification of all commodities from GB to EU/NI are being replaced and will not be valid after 14 January 2022, with the exception of a few EHCs which are being retained for use for a short period, in agreement with EU and individual Member States. These include EHCs for poultry meat, meat preparations and meat products.**

The new EHCs, as laid down in EU Animal Health Law, which replace them, are available on [Defra Form Finder](#) and, with the exception of those commodities for which the old EHCs are being retained, must be used by GB COs from 15 January 2022 for certification from GB to EU/NI.

The guidance below sets out the anticipated requirements for the most common poultry commodities, including those that cannot be exported from GB to EU/NI. You will see from this guidance that SHAs may not be required in certain circumstances.



Disclaimer

These guidance notes are provided based on information available at the time, and may not fully comply with the requirements of the importing country. They are provided to guide the exporter and certifying officer in Northern Ireland to support onward export of product from GB to EU/NI, **where onward export is permitted**. Exporters are strongly advised to confirm with the certifying officer in GB, who will issue the final EHC, what information is required.

These guidance notes are applicable in the absence of **and** in the event of an Avian Influenza outbreak.

This guidance supplements the UK GB notes for guidance found at [Defra Form Finder](#) and must be used in conjunction with these, the relevant EHC and the DAERA SHA NFG at [DAERA SHA Notes for Guidance](#) if an SHA is required. Please ensure you refer to the current on-line versions of all guidance.

Summary of eligible movements of fresh poultry meat produced in NI

A. To GB domestic market

Poultry meat intended for **the GB domestic market only** can move from NI to GB if originating from a farm in NI in a Protection Zone (PZ), a Surveillance Zone (SZ) or an unaffected area and is slaughtered in a designated abattoir. A designated abattoir can be located in a PZ or SZ. All poultry abattoirs in NI are designated.

Meat from a PZ will be marked with a special Identification (ID) Mark indicating use only on the national (UK) market. Meat from an SZ will be marked with the usual oval ID mark.

Meat from a NI PZ cannot be heat treated in GB for export to EU/ return to NI, but can be heat treated for use in GB only or used as fresh meat for local consumption in GB.

An SHA is not required for this movement.

B. To EU market, direct movement from NI to EU

Poultry meat originating from a farm in an NI Surveillance Zone (SZ) or an unaffected zone (i.e. effectively non PZ origin) and slaughtered in a designated abattoir located in either a PZ or SZ, can move from NI directly to EU on commercial documentation.

An SHA is not required for this movement.

C. To EU market, transiting GB

Poultry meat originating from a farm in an SZ or unaffected zone in NI (i.e. non PZ origin) can move from NI to EU transiting GB if the consignment travels directly between ports in GB using main routes and does **not stop in GB.**

An SHA is not required for this movement. EU importer must continue to pre-notify officials in EU Port of Entry.

D. To GB and exported from GB to EU/ moved back to NI

Fresh poultry meat **of NI origin** can be moved to GB for onward export to EU/ movement back to NI under the follow conditions:

1. Further processing in GB into a meat product and certified from GB to EU/NI.

Various certificates apply depending on processing requirements in GB, e.g. EHCs 8384, 8385.

Public Health Attestation II.1

The attestations in this section are covered by the generic statements found in the relevant NFG, see Section 7. **An SHA should not be required for this section.**

Animal Health Attestation II.2

The GB CO needs to be able to verify the origin of the establishment (farm) where the animals, from which the meat has been produced, were kept.

An SHA may be required to provide information on origin of animals to allow GB CO to complete section II.2.2.

For NI slaughter plants supplying meat to GB, where all poultry slaughtered originate in NI/Ireland and no meat is bought in to site, it may be possible to provide periodic assurance to the GB CO of NI/EU origin of animals from which the meat is produced, where this arrangement is agreed in advance with the GB CO.

Animal Welfare Attestation II.3

This attestation is covered by the generic statements in Section 7 of the NFG **and should not need to be included if an SHA is required.**

- Please note that the national ID mark placed on fresh meat derived from NI PZ flocks will indicate to a GB processor/CO that it is **not** eligible for export from GB to EU after heat treatment.
- Also please note that the following guidance **has been issued by Defra to GB COs and processors:**

Northern Ireland Origin Meat in GB

Fresh poultry meat produced in NI in a designated slaughterhouse and derived from poultry originating from a farm in a Surveillance Zone (SZ) in NI, shall, for the purpose for export from GB to EU as part of a meat preparation, meat product or composite product, be treated as having the equivalent status as poultry meat derived from poultry originating from farms in a GB1 zone.

This means no specific heat treatment need be applied when NI SZ origin poultry meat is further processed in GB into meat products for export from GB to EU as long as the processing/storage takes place in a GB-1 zone. Similarly, meat originating from an NI SZ can be used in the production of meat products in GB within the 30 days following the closure of the zone.

This applies regardless of the zone of location of the slaughterhouse, as all poultry slaughterhouses in NI have been designated to allow export of fresh meat bearing an oval ID mark (non-PZ flock origin) to EU.

Fresh poultry meat produced in NI in a designated slaughterhouse and derived from poultry originating from a farm in a Protection Zone (PZ) in NI can be moved to GB for use on the national UK market, and will bear a special Identification Mark indicating its restricted use within UK. NI PZ origin meat cannot be heat treated in GB for export to EU.

- 2. Further processing in GB into a meat preparation and certified in frozen state only from GB to EU/NI using [EHC 8383 meat preps to EU/NI](#)**

Fresh meat from NI can be used in GB to manufacture meat preparations for export in frozen state only, to EU/NI. Certification of paragraph II.2.2 by GB CO to attest that the fresh meat complies with the requirements of the relevant species fresh meat EHC is required.

An SHA is required for fresh meat of NI origin to facilitate this.

- 3. Return to NI as fresh/minced poultry meat on a P&R certificate** for retail use only or following commercial rejection in GB (non-retail permitted under these circumstances) using [EHC 1705 fresh/minced poultry to NI](#).**

The origin of the raw poultry meat from a Member State (including NI) may be verifiable using evidence of the UK (NI) ID marks on the fresh meat on arrival in GB and/or FBO traceability documentation.
In general, DAERA does not expect an SHA to be required.

- 4. Return to NI as a chilled meat preparation on a P&R certificate** for retail use using [EHC 1704 meat preps to NI](#)**

The origin of the raw poultry meat from a Member State (including NI) may be verifiable using evidence of the UK (NI) ID marks on the fresh meat on arrival in GB and/or FBO traceability documentation.
As above, in general, DAERA does not expect an SHA to be required.

- 5. To GB as a finished product, for storage only in GB for re-export to EU/ return to NI using [EHC 8461 EU/NI origin POAO for storage in GB and re-export](#).**

Please note: This applies to poultry meat preparations and meat products as well as fresh poultry meat and all can be exported in either the chilled or frozen state. No further processing, including repacking/labelling, can be carried out in GB. UK (NI) ID mark must be retained.

Certification of origin can be made on the basis of the presence of the UK (NI) ID mark. Please refer to Part II of NFG.

DAERA does not expect an SHA to be required for this movement.

Summary of ineligible onward movements from GB of fresh poultry meat produced in NI and moved to GB

Article 140 of [EU Regulation 2020/692](#) sets out the requirements for eligibility of poultry meat for export from a third country such as GB to EU/NI. Fresh poultry meat, produced in NI, regardless of the AI status of farm and / or slaughter plant of origin, **is not eligible for recertification from GB to EU / NI**, as follows:

- EU/NI fresh meat **cannot** be certified to EU/NI from GB on : [EHC 8371 poultry meat to EU/NI](#) ** or
- Minced meat produced in GB from EU/NI origin fresh meat **cannot** be returned to NI using : [EHC 1700 chilled/frozen poultry mince to NI](#) **

** Please note, however, that fresh poultry meat of NI origin can be returned to NI as fresh meat or minced meat, whether chilled or frozen, using 'P and R' certificate, please see points 3 & 4 above.

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