

DAERA Guidance on movement of Red Meat (beef, lamb, pork) from NI to GB, Animal Health Law Export Health Certificates and onward certification of NI origin red meat from GB to EU/NI

Guidance on certification requirements for movement of beef, lamb and pork meat from 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 red meat 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 the

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 supplement 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 onward certification options from GB to EU/NI for fresh beef, lamb and pork meat produced in NI

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

1. **Further processing in GB into a meat product and certified from GB to EU/NI using [EHC 8385 meat products to EU/NI](#)**

Public Health Attestation II.1

The attestations in this section are covered by the generic statements found in the relevant NFG, see Section 7, with the exception of the statements regarding trichinella (**pork only**).

An SHA may not be required. It may be possible to provide periodic assurance of trichinella status to the GB CO, without the need to issue an SHA on a 'per consignment' basis, where this arrangement is agreed in advance with the GB CO.

For example, if the slaughterhouse where the meat originates has a blanket policy where **all** the pig carcasses are either tested for trichinella; or are produced from animals from holdings officially recognised as applying Controlled Housing Conditions (CHC); or they are subjected to cold treatment to required temperature/time parameters before health marking.

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 e.g. carcass meat to GB, where all animals slaughtered originate from NI/Ireland and no carcass 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 does not need to be included if an SHA is required.**

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 or movement back to NI. Certification of paragraph II.2.2 by GB CO to attest that the fresh meat meets the requirements of the **fresh meat EHC** for the relevant species is required.

An SHA is required for fresh meat of NI origin.

3. Return to NI as fresh meat on a P&R certificate* for retail use only or following commercial rejection in GB (non-retail permitted under these circumstances) using [EHC 1706 meat of domestic ungulates to NI](#)

Public Health Attestation II.1

All the public health statements including the trichinella statement (pork only) can be certified by the GB CO on the basis of the presence of an ID mark on the NI origin fresh meat before processing (see para 6 of NFG).

Animal Health Attestation II.2

Origin of the meat from EU/NI SPS zone can be certified on the basis of an EU/NI oval mark and/or other supporting evidence indicating the origin of the meat used, as directed by the NFG. **This 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.

(Note: no section on animal welfare)

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

Public Health Attestation II.1

All the public health statements including the trichinella statement (pork only) can be certified by the GB CO on the basis of the presence of an ID mark on the NI origin fresh meat before processing.

Animal Health Attestation II.2

An SHA may not be required. This may be verifiable using evidence of the UK (NI) ID marks on the fresh meat on arrival in GB and/or FBO traceability documentation.

Animal Welfare Attestation II.3

This attestation is covered by the generic statements in Section 6 of the NFG.

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 / movement back to NI using [EHC 8461 EU/NI origin POAO for storage in GB and re-export](#).**

This applies to fresh meat, meat preparations, and meat products, etc in chilled or frozen state. No further processing, including repacking/labelling, can be carried out in GB. The UK (NI) ID mark must remain intact. 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 movements of fresh meat produced in NI from GB to EU/NI

Article 131 of [EU Regulation 2020/692](#) sets out the requirements for eligibility of ungulate meat exported from a third country such as GB to EU/NI. Fresh meat originating from EU Member States and NI is **not eligible for recertification from GB to EU / NI** as follows:

6. EU/NI origin fresh meat **cannot** be certified to EU/NI on EHCs: 8368 (beef); 8369 (lamb); 8370 (pork).*
7. Minced meat produced in GB from EU/NI origin fresh meat **cannot** be exported to NI using [EHC 1701 chilled minced beef to NI](#) , [EHC 1702 chilled minced lamb to NI](#) , [EHC 1703 chilled minced pork to NI](#) .*

*Please note, however, note that fresh meat of NI origin can be brought back 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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