

New attestation for producers needed to allow export of pork to continue to the EU

As things stand, the EU will treat the UK as a third (non-Member) country from day one. This means that UK exports to the EU will be subject to the same documentary certification and other requirements as goods from the rest of the world. For every consignment of pork leaving a UK abattoir bound for the EU from the first of January 2021 (regardless of whether we get a deal or not!) will now have to be signed off by an Official Vet (OV) as meeting all of the conditions laid out in the new Export Health Certificates (EHC).

This has introduced a couple of issues; one of which has needed the whole industry to deliver an approved process before the 1st of January so that the OV can confidently confirm on the EHC that the pig has, from birth, been on premises where measures are in place that *contain the animals and there are good management and biosecurity practices*.

To enable the OV to sign such a statement, there needs to be evidence, and this is what we have been working on with PVS, NPA, BPA, Defra, FSA, FSS and processors.

To that end, your own, private vet will now be asked to issue you a statement (where appropriate) stating that your pigs have indeed been farmed separately from wild cloven hoofed animals with appropriate housing/fencing. You as a producer will need to do two things:

1. update your production information held in Pig Hub by indicating that you have a quarterly vet statement which confirms the above (this information will feed into eAML2 and your licence).

Does this site operate as a batch finishing system (AIAO)?	No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/>	Help Please select the appropriate answer. BD.1.1
What are the production systems for this site?	Production Systems: <input type="text" value="Born and reared indoors"/> check this box when you have finished this question <input type="checkbox"/>	Help Please select the appropriate answer. BD.1.2
Please confirm that you have an up-to date Quarterly Veterinary Statement	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Help The Quarterly Veterinary Statement will certify that your premises and the pigs thereon have suitable general husbandry, management, biosecurity practices, disease prevention and control measures for farmed animals. It attests that you have farming and biosecurity measures in place that contain the animals in specific controlled buildings or enclosures (electric fencing, stock-proofing or other natural barriers may be used) BD.1.6
What is the type of the herd or flock?		

2. confirm on the eAML2 online form that the pigs you are shipping have also been farmed separately from wild cloven hoofed animals from birth – by doing this you are also

confirming that the pigs have been farmed separately on suppliers farms if they weren't born on your unit. However, if your entire supply chain is Red Tractor assured then you will be able to automatically answer 'yes' to this question.

If you submit your movements on a CSV file via the eAML gateway (sent to movements@eaml2.org.uk) you will need to ensure

- all your holdings are updated with the confirmation that you have the **new Quarterly Veterinarian Certification on Pig Hub**.
- You to ensure that you use the new CSV template which can be down loaded from eAML system

The record for your pigs will be passed through the eAML2 system as part of the Food Chain Information (FCI) to attest that the pig has been kept separate from wild ungulates throughout its life. This is needed so that the OV at the abattoir can sign the EHC and so the pork can be exported. The Quarterly Veterinary Certificate will be re-issued roughly every three months but will stay with you – this will need to be kept in case the processor is audited as some point by the EU.

This has been a mammoth task to ensure this is ready before Christmas as some of you will be breaking up for Christmas. It may be that the ongoing meetings with the UK Chief Vet and her EU counterparts will in time remove the need for such a requirement. We will continue to communicate any updates.