

Updated clause in Export Health Certificates for pork- what does it mean and how do you make sure you are compliant?

From 1st January 2021, the UK will be treated as a third country and additional documentation will be required to trade with the EU. Every consignment of pork that leaves a UK abattoir for the EU will be subject to an additional clause on the Export Health Certificate (EHC). AHDB have worked with Defra, NPA, BPA, FSA and processors to agree a solution for how producers can ensure they are compliant.

From 8th March 2021 movement licences (haulier summaries) will be updated to make it easier to comply with the new regulations. This includes a new question relating to pigs being resident on the last farm for a minimum of 40 days before slaughter, a requirement for the export of animal by-products to the EU. The eAML2 user guides have been updated to include the new clause and examples of the new look movement licenses are available here:

What is the new clause?

The new clause states that every pig has, from birth, been kept separate from wild cloven-hoofed animals. This will need to be evidenced and then signed by the duty Official Veterinarian (OV) at the abattoir before pork products are sent for export.

When does it come into effect?

Following the end of the transition period on 1st January 2021.

What about movements before this period?

A grace period will be granted for movements booked prior to January 1st on the basis that a new quarterly veterinary statement confirms that the pigs on your unit adhere to the housing and biosecurity criteria. Your vet will be able to supply you with a copy of this statement, which must be kept on farm in case the EU audits the abattoir.

How do you know if it affects you?

If you knowingly export pork products to the EU, you will need to comply with the new EHC conditions. We are aware that in a small number of cases, some pork products such as offal may be exported without the producer knowing. If the additional clause is not met, the pork products will not be used for EU export.

What do you need to do to comply?

AHDB and NPA have worked with Defra, BPA, PVS and the FSA to agree a simple way of compliance to the new clause using eAML2. From 1st January, producers will need to do the following when registering a movement:

- 1. Obtain a quarterly vet certificate** (separate from your farm assurance quarterly vet report) signed to confirm that your pigs have been kept separate from wild ungulates (cloven-hoofed animals) with appropriate housing, fencing or hedging. Producers should liaise with their vet if they are unsure if their housing, fencing or biosecurity requirements are compliant. This certificate will be re-issued every quarter but will stay with you. You must keep this document in case the processor is audited by the EU.

- 2. Update your information on PigHub** to confirm that you have a quarterly vet certificate. This is done through an additional yes/no question on PigHub. This information will transfer into eAML2 and your movement license. (see the updated PigHub user guide for instructions on how to do this)
- 3. Confirm the position on your movement license-** on each eAML2 online form you should confirm that the consignment(s) of pigs you are moving have been kept separate, from birth, from wild cloven-hoofed animals. Defra recognise that there will be a 'catch –up' period for pigs born before 1st January where the quarterly veterinary certificate will be sufficient.

Are there any instructions for eAML2 and PigHub?

We have updated the user guides to highlight the new questions on eAML2 and PigHub.

Click [here](#) for the eAML2 farm to slaughter user guide

Click [here](#) for the PigHub user guide

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