

## **Subject: Defra webinars: Export Health Certificates and The Movement Assistance Scheme**

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Please see attached information about two short webinars that have been produced by Defra to provide key guidance about:

### **1<sup>st</sup> Webinar**

#### **Traders: steps you need to take now to make sure you are ready for the introduction of Export Health Certificates (EHCs)**

**29 December 2020**

In the past few weeks Defra has been running tests on the implementation of EHCs. To help you prepare, we want to share with you the key findings from our operational readiness tests to avoid delays.

They are explained in the 10-minute webinar [here](#).

#### **Key points**

- From 1 January 2021 exports of animal products to the EU, including fish, will require an Export Health Certificate (EHC) which can be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) or local authority Food Competent Certifying Officer (FCCO).
- Traders need to check now that their OVs and FCCOs have registered with Export Health Certificate Online (EHCO) in order to certify EHCs.
- Traders need to prepare in advance with their OVs and FCCOs, so that all parties are familiar with the EHC forms and guidance.
- Traders should work with their OVs to make sure they are familiar with the products which will require certification.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar**

**Movement Assistance Scheme - We have announced a new Movement Assistance Scheme**, as part of the Government's comprehensive support scheme for traders, which will complement the existing TSS.

The MAS will provide assistance for traders moving food or agricultural products for which specific SPS controls apply - meaning the Government will cover, for example, reasonable costs for obtaining Export Health Certificates. The MAS will also include a dedicated helpline to guide business through the new requirements.

**The scheme is explained in this short video and the steps you need to take as soon as possible. Click [here](#) to watch the video**