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OF OCT. 1) now available on IREGs

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Good morning all,

I've been assisting in the APHIS effort to prepare the new Great Britain (GB) model certificates for animal by-products and products of animal origin signed by VS. I'm sending this to you because of your role related to an industry group that has members that export animal by-products to the European Union (and the United Kingdom). Please share with your members and any others who may be interested.

As you may be aware, following Brexit the United Kingdom has diverged in their approach to handling imports of animal products. Northern Ireland continues to accept the EU certificates, while Great Britain, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man (GB) are in the process of transitioning to separate GB model certificates. The new GB certificates <u>must</u> be used for shipments to Great Britain, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man for certificates dated on or after October 1, 2021.

GB will accept EU harmonized certificates dated on or before September 30, 2021, as long as the consignment ships to GB relatively shortly after September 30, 2021. At present we still do not have a more specific time commitment but will provide an update should additional information become available.

We have updated our <u>United Kingdom IREGs</u> website with the GB model certificates that must be used for certificates dated on or after October 1, 2021. You can navigate to the appropriate page by clicking on the link under bullet II. called "<u>Information specific to animal products Great Britain (GB)</u>" and from there navigating in a similar manner to how you navigate the EU IREGs page.

At this time, we have only posted unlined out fillable PDFs of these certificates; we will continue to work to update the IREGs with pre-lined out versions of these certificates over the coming weeks and months. Until the relevant pre-lined out certificates are available, exporters should electronically line out statements on the available certificate using Adobe Acrobat or other PDF manipulating software. Each of the commodity-specific pages includes a link to the equivalent EU page; exporters can reference the certificate versions posted at this EU information link to verify which statements are to be lined out. In order to avoid shipments being detained, it is critical that exporters pay close attention to the lineouts, and have their importers confirm acceptability of the certificate with the BCP in GB prior to shipment.

We believe that GB has now incorporated all facilities currently listed in TRACES into their <u>List of establishments in non-EU countries approved to export animal products to GB</u>. Nevertheless, in all cases we still strongly recommend that exporters have their GB importers confirm prior to shipment that all necessary information is on GB's lists.

Thank you very much!



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