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Report Highlights:

Following the UK's departure from the European Union, U.S. export health certificates are now required to either follow the Great Britain model (for destinations within England, Scotland, or Wales) or the European Union health certificate model if shipping to Northern Ireland. U.S. exporters should ensure that they apply for the correct certificate from the relevant U.S. government authority. This report provides information on UK health certificates, and resources for obtaining plant, forestry, animal, and fishery product certificates.

Executive Summary

Following the UK's departure from the EU, U.S. government certifying agencies have uploaded health certificates to cover regulated products destined for Great Britain (GB) in their export portals.

U.S. export certificates are based on: [Model health certificates for exports of live animals and animal products to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The above link covers: animal by-products, live animals, germinal (genetic) products, products of animal origin (including dairy, beef, pork products), and high risk food and feed not of animal origin

Products destined for Northern Ireland should continue to use European Union (EU) health certificates. There are significant changes to EU certificates being phased in from end of 2021 into the first quarter of 2022, and therefore this report should also be read in conjunction with the EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations (FAIRS) Certificate Report available at: [USDA GAIN Report Database](#)

U.S exporters are responsible for ensuring that applications are made for the correct certificate for the intended destination. As with EU entry certificates, the original health certificate should be presented along with the cargo upon arrival into GB.

If you are unsure as to whether a product requires a sanitary or phyto-sanitary health certificate, the following inquiry points can provide advice via email:

Plant Health Government Inquiry Points

planthealth.info@apha.gov.uk (for imports into England and Wales)

hort.marketing@gov.scot (for imports into Scotland)

planthealth@daera-ni.gov.uk (for imports into Northern Ireland)

Animal Health Government Inquiry Points

imports@apha.gov.uk (for imports into England and Wales)

animal.health@gov.scot (for imports into Scotland)

tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk (for imports into Northern Ireland)

Further Information

The table below provides UK and U.S. competent authority resources on requirements for regulated products.

Product	UK Main Resource	U.S. Resource
Live animals and genetic material	APHA Vet Gateway: IIN Imports of live animals and genetic material (defra.gov.uk)	USDA APHIS Animal and Animal Product Export Information Export Guidance Food Safety and Inspection Service (usda.gov)
Animal products for human consumption	APHA Vet Gateway - IIN Imports of animal products for human consumption (defra.gov.uk)	Export Verification Programs Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov)
Animal by-products not for human consumption	APHA Vet Gateway - Imports of animal by-products/products not for human consumption (defra.gov.uk)	Food Export Certificates FDA
UK Veterinary Checks on Animal Products	Veterinary Checks on Animal Products (defra.gov.uk)	
Fish and aquaculture for human consumption	Importing or moving fish to the UK - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Export Certification NOAA Fisheries
Live fish and shellfish not for human consumption	Importing or moving live fish and shellfish - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	
Plant and plant products (including fresh produce)	Import plants and plant products from non-EU countries to Great Britain and Northern Ireland - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	USDA APHIS Plant Health Export Information
Timber, wood products, or bark	Import timber, wood products or bark - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	USDA APHIS Plant Health Export Information
Wood packaging	Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.	

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Attachments:

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