

# Certification of Meat to the United Kingdom (excluding Northern Ireland)

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# Meat Commodities

- **Fresh Meat** – chilled or frozen
  - Beef
  - Sheep Meat
  - Pig Meat
  - Poultry
- **Meat Preparations**
- **Meat Products**
- **Composite Products**
- **Others**
  - Equine Meat
  - Casings



# Meat Certification

- Animal Health Requirements
- Public Health Requirements
- Based on EU import regulations (reversed by the UK)
- Most important consideration is the **Origin** of raw materials as subsequent treatment and certification depends on origin.



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  - Beef and minced beef
  - Sheep meat and minced sheep meat
  - Pork and minced pork
  - Poultry Meat
- Main requirement – compliance with EU Regulations
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    - Third Country – must have copies of all import documents – EHC, CHED
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# Meat Preparations

- Combination of fresh meat (raw) with foodstuffs, seasonings or additives
- Main requirement – compliance with EU Regulations
- Issues
  - **Origin of meat**
    - Ireland
    - EU
    - Third Country – must have copies of all import documents – EHC, CHED
  - **Slaughter dates** – must be entered on certificate for all meat preparations.
  - **Meat Preparations** – must be **frozen** to a minimum of **-18°C**



# Meat Products

- **Processed products** resulting from the processing of meat, or from the further processing of such processed products, so that the **cut surface** shows that the product no longer has the **characteristics of fresh meat**
- Main requirement – compliance with EU Regulations
- Issues
  - **Origin and Species**
    - Ireland
    - EU
    - Third Country – must have copies of all import documents – EHC, CHED
  - **Treatments (mainly heat)**
    - Treatments must be entered on certificate for all meat products.
    - If the FBO has not treated a raw material in accordance with the [EU Decision 2007/777/EC](#), the final product cannot be certified.



# Meat Products

## TREATMENTS REFERRED TO IN ANNEX I

### *Non-specific treatment:*

A = No minimum specified temperature or other treatment is established for animal health purposes for meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines. However, the meat of such meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines must have undergone a treatment such that its cut surface shows that it no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat and the fresh meat used must also satisfy the animal health rules applicable to exports of fresh meat into the Community.

### *Specific treatments listed in descending order of severity:*

B = Treatment in a hermetically sealed container to an  $F_0$  value of three or more.

C = A minimum temperature of 80 °C which must be reached throughout the meat and/or stomachs, bladders and intestines during the processing of the meat product and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines.

D = A minimum temperature of 70 °C which must be reached throughout the meat and/or stomachs, bladders and intestines during the processing of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, or for raw ham, a treatment consisting of natural fermentation and maturation of not less than nine months and resulting in the following characteristics:

- $A_w$  value of not more than 0,93,
- pH value of not more than 6,0.

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D1 = Thorough cooking of meat, previously deboned and defatted, subjected to heating so that an internal temperature of 70 °C or greater is maintained for a minimum of 30 minutes.

### ▼ B

E = In the case of 'biltong'-type products, a treatment to achieve:

- $A_w$  value of not more than 0,93,
- pH value of not more than 6,0.

F = A heat treatment ensuring that a centre temperature of at least 65 °C is reached for a period of time as necessary to achieve a pasteurisation value (pv) equal to or above 40.





# Meat Products

ISO code	Country of origin or part thereof	1. Domestic swine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game (excluding swine)	Domestic ovine/caprine	1. Domestic porcine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game (swine)	Domestic soliped	1. Poultry 2. Farmed feathered game (except ratites)	Farmed ratites	Domestic rabbit and farmed leporidae	Wild cloven-hoofed game (excluding swine)	Wild swine	Wild soliped	Wild leporidae (rabbits and hares)	Wild game birds	Wild mammalian game (excluding ungulates, solipeds and leporidae)
NZ	New Zealand	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	XXX	A	A	A
PM	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	D	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
PY	Paraguay	C	C	C	B	XXX	XXX	A	C	C	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
RS	Serbia (***)	A	A	D	A	D	D	A	D	D	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
RU	Russia RU	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	D	XXX	A	C	C	XXX	A	XXX	A
	Russia (*) RU-1	C	C	C	B	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
	Russia RU-2	C or D1	C or D1	C	B	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
SG	Singapore	B	B	B	B	D	D	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
SZ	Swaziland	B	B	B	B	XXX	XXX	A	B	B	A	A	XXX	XXX
TH	Thailand	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	B	B	XXX	A	D	XXX
TN	Tunisia	C	C	B	B	A	A	A	B	B	XXX	A	D	XXX
TR	Turkey	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	D	D	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	D	XXX
UA	Ukraine UA	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
	Ukraine UA-1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	A	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	A	XXX
	Ukraine UA-2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	D	D	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	D	XXX

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# Composite Products (CPs)

- Contain both processed products of animal origin (PPOA) and products of **plant origin** and includes those where the processing of primary product is an **integral part** of the production of the final product.
- FBOs have to know which products are **not** CPs and which CPs need certificates.
- Compliance with EU Regulations – main prerequisite for certification.
- Issues
  - **Origin and Species**
    - Ireland
    - EU
    - Third Country – must have copies of all import documents – EHC, CHED
  - **Treatments (mainly heat)**
    - must be entered on certificate for all composite products.
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# Transit Certificates

- There are transit certificates for all the main meat commodities where meat must cross the UK landbridge to enter the EU.
- Deal only with **Animal Health** requirements
- Containers must have at least one transit certificate per commodity.



# Registering on TRACES Classic

- It is the responsibility of each FBO to ensure that they are **correctly registered on TRACES (classic)** if they require Export Health Certificates (EHCs) after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to UK.
- To create an account on TRACES Food Business Operators must first identify their establishment and supply staff names and e-mail addresses to DAFM, so that they may be set up as users on TRACES (classic).
- Details should be sent to the following e-mail address: [TRACES-VPHIS-Reg@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:TRACES-VPHIS-Reg@agriculture.gov.ie)
- DAFM Staff will register your details and you will be issued an automated email from [automated-notifications@nomail.ec.europa.eu](mailto:automated-notifications@nomail.ec.europa.eu) notifying you that you have been registered.
- FBOs nominated staff must be registered immediately on the online TRACES (classic) system to ensure on-going certification.
- **You must register at least 2 users per FBO.** There is no limit on the number of users who can be nominated.



# Registering on TRACES NT

- **You must ensure that your business details are also Registered on TRACES NT** as the EU will be transferring the Data Base of registered establishments to GB authorities. **If you are not registered on TRACES NT you will be unable to export to GB.**
- Registration will then only be possible through the European Commission.
- **Vital details required for registering:**
  - Full FBO Name and Address
  - Eircode
  - DAFM Approval Number as it appears on the Approval Certificate e.g. **IE 123 EC**
  - EORI Number



# Registering on TRACES NT

- Instructions for registering on TRACES NT are available on Preparatory Power Point Presentation Module 3 – Creating Common Health Entry Documents through the following link: [gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) - Register with TRACES ([www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie))
- If you have any queries regarding TRACES, please email: [TRACES-VPHIS-reg@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:TRACES-VPHIS-reg@agriculture.gov.ie)



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