



**Trader Notice No. 02/2021**

**14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**RE: Certification requirement for export of Poultry for Slaughter to Great Britain**

To: Free Range Egg Producers  
Organic Egg Producers  
Egg Packing Centres  
Irish Egg Association  
Teagasc Poultry Advisor

As a result of the withdrawal of the UK from the EU (Brexit), The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) would like to inform poultry owners wishing to export poultry for slaughter to Great Britain (GB) that in order to receive the required export health certificate, the poultry must have been permanently housed for the 30 days prior to export. This is required as the certifying veterinarian must confirm on the export certificate that there has been no contact with wild birds in the preceding 30 days prior to export. If birds remain outside even for part of the 30 days, it will not be possible to issue an export health certificate for the poultry.

If Free Range or Organic producers wish to export poultry to GB for slaughter, they must contact the Regional Veterinary Office (Certifying Veterinarian) at the commencement of the 30 day period and demonstrate that the poultry are permanently housed to prevent any contact with wild birds. In addition, Feedingstuffs, Fertiliser, Grain and Poultry Division ([feedenquiries@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:feedenquiries@agriculture.gov.ie)) must also be notified at the commencement of the 30 day period that birds are being permanently housed.

**Please note that if Free Range or Organic birds are housed to meet the export for slaughter requirements, the eggs from these birds cannot be marketed as Free Range or Organic eggs.**

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