

## **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

### **Trader Notice MH 12/2021**

**To: All operators of DAFM-approved meat establishments**

**Subject: Veterinary Health Certificate for the export of beef and beef offal to Papua New Guinea**

#### **Background**

Agreement has been reached with the veterinary authorities in Papua New Guinea on the adoption of a veterinary health certificate for the export of chilled/frozen beef and beef offal from Ireland to Papua New Guinea. Trade can commence immediately.

#### **Scope**

The new certificate covers chilled or frozen beef including offal. Minced meat and meat preparations (as defined in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004) are excluded.

#### **Eligibility**

All DAFM-approved beef slaughter, cutting and processing establishments which are supervised by a Department official veterinarian are eligible to produce beef for export to Papua New Guinea subject to the provision below.

The beef must be derived from cattle that are sourced and slaughtered from BSE- and FMD-free areas or farms that are under the regulatory control of DAFM.

#### **Role of the Food Business Operator**

If plant management wish to export chilled or frozen beef or beef products to Papua New Guinea, they must advise the Veterinary Inspector in advance and draw up a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), in consultation with the Veterinary Inspector. The SOP must set out how the FBO produces chilled and/or frozen beef or beef products which meet the criteria for certification and the measures the FBO will take to ensure the criteria are met.

#### **Veterinary Health Certificates**

Veterinary health certificates will be made available on request to Veterinary Inspectors at eligible plants through the usual channels.

The text of the certificate will be published concurrently with this Trader Notice on the DAFM website.

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