

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Trader Notice MH 13/2021

To: All Food Business Operators

Subject: VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF FRESH MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS OF OVINE OR CAPRINE ORIGIN TO NEW ZEALAND

Background

Agreement has been reached with the New Zealand authorities on a veterinary health certificate (VHC) for the export of fresh meat and meat products of ovine or caprine origin from Ireland to New Zealand. Trade can commence immediately.

Scope

The VHC covers fresh meat and meat products of ovine or caprine origin. Meat and meat products must be derived from animals born, continuously raised and slaughtered in the European Union and which have been produced in full compliance with European Parliament and Council Regulations (EC) No. 999/2001 and (EC) No. 1069/2009 as applicable.

Eligibility

All DAFM-approved slaughter, cutting and processing ovine establishments which are supervised by an official veterinarian of the Department are eligible to produce sheepmeat or goatmeat for export to New Zealand.

Role of the Food Business Operator

If plant management wish to export sheepmeat or goatmeat to New Zealand, they must first draw up a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in consultation with the Veterinary Inspector. The SOP must set out how the FBO will produce meat of ovine or caprine origin which meets the certification conditions and the measures the FBO will take to ensure that the export criteria are met.

Veterinary Health Certificates

VHCs will be 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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