



TN 05/2021: Trader Notice on extension to the transition period for the implementation of the new animal health/official certificates

The new Animal Health Law (AHL) health certificates were due to be used from August 21 2021 for goods imported into the EU. [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1329](#) extends the transition period for the implementation of the new animal health certificates from the 21st August 2021 until the 15th January 2022 to provide additional time for Third Countries to prepare for the transition to the new certificates and to avoid any unnecessary disruptions in trade. This transition period covers health certificates for all products of animal origin, live animals, germinal products and composite products.

This means that the 'old' health certificates will continue to be accepted up until 15th March 2022, provided they are signed **before 15th January 2022**. Changes to the rules relating to the importation of certain composite products which have been in effect since April 21st 2021 will continue to apply.