

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

**Trader Notice MH 09/2022 - Revised**

**To: Operators of establishments approved for the export of beef and/or pigmeat to Canada (CA)**

**Subject: EU-CA Health Certificates for the export of beef and pigmeat coming under certain customs codes - migration of certification arrangements to the TRACES system**

**Background**

This trader notice concerns EU certificates for the export to Canada of:

- **fresh beef under customs codes 0201, 0202, 0206, 0504 or 1502; and**
- **fresh pigmeat under customs codes 0203, 0206, 0209, 0504, 0511 or 1501.**

These certificates are for fresh meat, including minced meat and meat preparations, of domestic bovine and swine. For the avoidance of doubt, fresh meat means all animal parts fit for human consumption whether fresh, chilled or frozen.

**From 1 January 2023**, the production of these EU certificates for eligible exports from Irish meat establishments will move to an online format. The modified layouts detailed in Trader Notice MH 08/2021 will be invalid thereafter.

All shipments of eligible bovine and porcine product arriving in Canada after 1 January must be accompanied by an export health certificate generated on the TRACES system. For consignments currently on route and arriving after 1 January 2023, it will be necessary to retrieve the issued modified bilateral version of the certificate and replace it with one generated on TRACES.

As before, the CA authorities require that product descriptions entered on certificates must be identical to those on shipping cartons. Abbreviations and/or codes are not acceptable as part of the mandatory product description.

- Any pigmeat falling outside the scope of the above-mentioned customs codes must be exported using a bilateral export certificate for pigmeat products (Trader Notice MH 04/2019 refers).
- Any independent cold store approved for Canada can ship and handle any species (currently bovine, porcine and ovine) for that market regardless of the specific species for which it was originally approved.

## Generating Export Health Certificates on TRACES

To generate an export health certificate for Canada, the food business operator (FBO) responsible for the consignment must be registered as an *operator* on TRACES.

Instructions for registering on TRACES and the general manual for creating export health certificates on TRACES can be downloaded under the title 'TRACES User Guide - Generating Export Health Certificates' at the following link:

[gov.ie](http://gov.ie) - Register with TRACES ([www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie))

Registered operators can log into TRACES here:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/login>

The name of the certificate appears in TRACES as 'Fresh beef for export to Canada V.2.' and 'Pig Meat for export to Canada V.2.'

**NOTE: All boxes/fields marked with a red asterisk \* are mandatory.**

Once all mandatory fields have been completed, the operator can select 'Submit for certification' and the certifying Veterinary Inspector will process Part II of the certificate before it is printed on blank paper for signing and stamping.

## Changes to Certificate Formats

The scope, health attestations and certification criteria for the EU certificates are otherwise unchanged from previous versions. TRACES versions of the certificates are published concurrently with this notice on the DAFM website.

As a result of the switch from a pre-printed paper format to an online system, FBOs will find some differences in the form and detail of the information that they are required to input in Part I of the Canada certificates in the new format compared to the previous versions. FBOs should consult with local DAFM personnel to ensure that forms are correctly completed.

**For further information on registering and using TRACES as well as training requests and specific queries relating to the system, please email [TRACES@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:TRACES@agriculture.gov.ie)**

This trader notice supersedes MH 06/2019, MH 07/2019 and MH 08/2021.

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