

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

**Trader Notice MH 09/2023**

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

**Subject: Revised certification arrangements for the export of poultry meat to Ghana**

**Background**

The Department has agreed revised certification arrangements with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Veterinary Service Directorate) for the export of poultry meat to Ghana.

**Scope**

The certificate is for exports of poultry meat and poultrymeat products from Ireland to Ghana.

**Eligibility**

All DAFM-approved poultry establishments which are supervised by an official veterinarian are eligible to produce poultry meat and poultrymeat products for export to Ghana subject to the following provision.

The poultry from which the poultry meat derives did not originate from flocks located in an area which at the time of slaughter was under restriction due to an outbreak of High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza or Newcastle Disease.

**Role of the Food Business Operator (FBO)**

Any enterprise wishing to export poultry meat to Ghana must advise the responsible Department Veterinary Inspector (VI) in advance and agree a Standard Operating Procedure describing the measures that the FBO will implement to ensure that the certification requirements for export of poultrymeat and poultrymeat products to Ghana are met.

**Veterinary Health Certificate**

Copies of the VHC, printed on secure stationery, will be made available on request to certifying officers at eligible plants through the usual channels.

The new certificate is effectively immediately. A specimen of the certificate will be published concurrently with this trader notice on the DAFM website.

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