

1. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

**Certified Copy Requirements**

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of EHCs for the following EHC types:

If the commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids EHCs where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to [certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk](mailto:certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk)

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however, CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification. "

**DAERA Export Health Certificates: Provision of certified copies**

aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the department, where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained."

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

2. Paragraph 2 of 1RAD certificate can be signed by an Official Veterinarian on the basis of the following:-

The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in food and the Environment - which summarises the results of monitoring. The results of this monitoring supports the conclusion set out in the paragraph.

3. **Legal basis**

The main legal requirements enforced by HSE are the [Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999](#) (IRR99). The [Radiation \(Emergency Preparedness and Public Information\) Regulations 2001](#) (REPPPIR) are also relevant.

IRR99 (S.I 1999 No 3232) replaced the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1985 (IRR85) (S.I.1985 No 1333) and the Ionising Radiations (Outside Workers) Regulations 1993 (S.I 1993 No 2379). IRR99 implemented most of the revised [Basic Safety Standards Directive \(96/29/Euratom\)](#).

4. **New Directive**

The Basic Safety Standards (BSS) Directive (2013/59/Euratom), was adopted on the 5th December 2013.

The new BSS Directive incorporates the latest recommendations from the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) published in 2007, and harmonises the EU regime with the Basic Safety Standards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

UK Government has to implement the Directive into UK law by the 6 February 2018.

HSE is consulting on changes to the Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999 (IRR1999), the majority of which are brought in by the implementation of the EU Basic Safety Standards Directive (BSSD).

HSE propose to transpose the BSSD early, on 1st January 2018, to avoid confusion and any additional cost burden to businesses.

General background on ionising radiation can be found at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/radiation/ionising/index.htm>