ELAN: Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1271 amending Implementing Regulations (EU) 2016/1239, (EU) 2020/761, (EU) 2020/1988 and (EU) 2023/2834 as a consequence of the establishment of the Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities (ELAN), and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1988 as regards two new tariff quota numbers for imports of rice from Bangladesh

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1272 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the electronic system for agricultural non-customs formalities (ELAN)

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has established a new Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities (ELAN) that will allow authorities in European Union (EU) and non-EU countries to process and store documents relating to agri-food trade. These include documents (certificates of origin, certificates of authenticity) issued by non-EU authorities to secure tariff rate quota licences. ELAN will be part of the EU's Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES). This new system aims to streamline cooperation between authorities.

Documents can either be issued by non-EU authorities directly within the new ELAN system, or issued in a national electronic system and then transferred to ELAN. These documents must be in line with a new certificate template: **ELAN1L-TCDOC**.

Timeline

From **17 January 2028**, non-EU authorities must issue the documents referred to above using the ELAN1L-TCDOC template in ELAN or in their own national electronic system, and transmit them through ELAN.

From **15 July 2025**, all ELAN users can access the system's "acceptance environment" for testing purposes. Documents created or transmitted in this environment will not have any legal value, and cannot be used for customs clearance.

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