

Model health certificates: antimicrobial attestation

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Implementing Regulation [2024/2020](#) as regards model certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain categories of animals and certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption

Implementing Regulation [2024/399](#) as regards model certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain products of animal origin and certain categories of animals

What is changing and why?

From 2026 the EU will ban the use of certain medicines (antimicrobials) in live animals and their products that are exported to the EU. (See [Rules on prohibited antimicrobials in imported animal products](#) for information on the application of Regulation [2023/905](#).)

The EU is therefore changing the model official certificate sent with exports of food-producing animals and their products so that they are aligned. The new model certificates include an attestation, signed by authorities in non-EU countries, guaranteeing that exported products are from animals that have not received antimicrobial medicines that promote growth or increase yields, or that are only for [use in humans](#).

Actions

Competent authorities and operators in countries exporting animals and animal products to the EU should ensure that the correct model of the official certificate is used from **3 September 2024**, except those for fishery products, which must be used from **30 January 2025**.

Timeline

The new model certificates must be used from **3 September 2024**. Products with a certificate issued before 3 September (using the model valid before 3 September) will be able to enter the EU until 3 December 2024.

For fishery products, the model certificates were revised in July 2024. The new model certificates for fishery products must be used from **30 January 2025**. Fishery products with a certificate issued before 30 January will be able to enter the EU until 30 April 2025.

The new rules requiring official authorities in non-EU countries to sign attestations regarding antimicrobials will only apply from 3 September 2026 (when Regulation [2023/905](#) enters into force). Because the attestation regarding antimicrobials will not apply before that date, it must be crossed out. If using the EU's Trade Control and Expert System ([TRACES](#)), this will be done automatically.

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