

# 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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