

# Model health certificates: antimicrobial attestation

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## Regulation

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](#).)

This means that the EU is changing the model official certificate sent with exports of food-producing animals and their products. 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**.

For non-EU countries that do not prohibit antimicrobials targeted by EU rules, systems must be rapidly put into place to be able to segregate animals that have been treated with antimicrobials or those destined for the EU market, in particular in relation to food products with a longer life cycle. The prohibition applies to the whole life of food-producing animals.

Also, non-EU exporting countries that have not already done so must send to the Commission an “antimicrobials declaration” for **every** animal product they export to the EU (including for honey, casings, aquaculture, etc.) so that they will be listed for each one. This may require coordination between several departments [\(see Rules on prohibited antimicrobials in imported animal products\)](#). Although the November 2023 deadline has passed, it is important to catch up as soon as possible by sending declarations to [SANTE-VETERINARY-MEDICINES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANTE-VETERINARY-MEDICINES@ec.europa.eu).

## Timeline

The new model certificates must be in use 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.

Although the new model certificates must be used from September 2024, the new rules requiring official authorities in non-EU countries to sign attestations relating to antimicrobials will only apply from 3 September 2026 (when Regulation [2023/905](#) enters into application). Between 3 September 2024 and 2 September 2026, because the attestation related to antimicrobials will not yet apply, 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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