The ELAN data model

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Commission Notice on the instructions for completing the ELAN1L-TCDOC data model

What is changing and why?

From January 2028, competent authorities in countries exporting agri-food products to the European Union (EU) must issue the following documents electronically through the new Electronic Agricultural Non-customs formalities system (ELAN):

- documents supporting imports into the EU under tariff rate quotas
- documents required for exports under sheepmeat and goatmeat tariff quotas
- authenticity certificates for Basmati rice exports.

These documents must be issued by the relevant competent authorities using the **ELAN1L-TCDOC** data model either directly in ELAN, or via their own national electronic systems.

The European Commission has published instructions to help authorities use this model.

Actions

Exporting countries should ensure that their competent authorities are familiar with the ELAN1L-TCDOC template and that national electronic systems are ELAN-compatible before January 2028. Non-EU authorities can already access ELAN to test the issuing and transmitting of documents in an “ELAN acceptance environment”.

To learn more about how ELAN works, see the video and presentation from AGRINFO’s webinar Introducing the EU’s new Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities (ELAN).

Timeline

Use of ELAN for these documents is mandatory from **17 January 2028**.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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