Updated model animal health/official certificates for live terrestrial animals

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EU updates animal health certificates for certain live terrestrial animals

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/544 of 25 March 2025 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/403 as regards model animal health certificates and model animal health/official certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain categories of terrestrial animals and germinal products thereof

Update

The European Union (EU) has updated the animal health/official certificates that must accompany consignments of several categories of live animals (including cows, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry, and ratites), hatching eggs, semen, and embryos. The certificates have been updated to align with recent changes to rules on antimicrobial medicines, scrapie (transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, TSE) in goats, and the management of certain listed diseases.

Impacted products

Live animals, hatching eggs, embryos, semen

What is changing?

The EU has updated the model animal health certificates that must accompany consignments of the animals, hatching eggs, and germinal products (semen/embryos) listed in Table 1.

The updated model certificates can be found in the Annex to the new Regulation.

Why?

The model animal health/official certificates that must accompany consignments of live animals placed on the EU market have been updated taking into account the following.

- The attestation in the relevant certificates should include a reference to the list of non-EU countries and regions authorised as being compliant with rules on antimicrobial medicinal

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products (Regulation 2024/2598: see List of non-EU countries compliant with new EU antimicrobial requirements)

- For ovine and caprine animals (sheep and goats), the model animal health/official certificate (model 'OV/CAP-X' point II.2.12) should include a reference concerning caprine animals that are genetically resistant to classical scrapie strains (see TSE Regulation updated for goat strains resistant to scrapie)
- For animals (ruminants and horses) from confined establishments, references to infection with Brucella abortus, B. melitensis, B. suis, and Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex have been removed from the certificates.
- For certain categories of poultry, ratites (flightless birds), and their germinal products from certain zones, there is an additional alternative certification option regarding infection with Newcastle disease virus.

Timeline

The new models of the animal health certificates apply from **12 May 2025**.

Until **12 November 2025**, the previous models in use prior to this Regulation can still be issued. Consignments of animals accompanied by certificates issued before 12 November 2025 can be placed on the EU market until 12 February 2026.

Recommended Actions

It is important that exporters of live animals to the EU use the amended model certificates as soon as possible to ensure that all certificates are correct by **12 November 2025** and that no consignments will be rejected at the EU border.

Background

Countries exporting live animals and products of animal origin to the EU must send consignments together with animal health/official certificates signed by their official veterinarians. The aim is to guarantee that the consignments fulfil the EU legislation requirements.

These certificates are given in Regulation 2021/403 for terrestrial animals and germinal products (semen, ova, and embryos).

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Resources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/403 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2017/625 as regards model animal health certificates and model animal health/official certificates, for the entry into the Union and movements between Member States of consignments of certain categories of terrestrial animals and germinal products thereof, official certification regarding such certificates and repealing Decision 2010/470/EU

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/544 as regards model animal health certificates and model animal health/official certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain categories of terrestrial animals and germinal products thereof

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Table 1
Updated animal health model certificates

Model certificate	Chapter[a]	Category[b]
BOV-X	1	Bovine animals
BOV-Y	2	Bovine animals for slaughter
OV/CAP-X	4	Ovine and caprine animals
OV/CAP-Y	5	Ovine and caprine animals for slaughter
SUI-X	7	Porcine animals
SUI-Y	8	Porcine animals for slaughter
CAM-CER	12	Camelid and cervine animals
EQUI-X	13	Equine animals
EQUI-Y	14	Equine animals for slaughter
CONFINED-RUM	18	Animals from confined establishments
BPP	22	Breeding/productive poultry other than ratites
BPR	23	Breeding/productive ratites
DOC	24	Day-old chicks other than ratites
DOR	25	Day-old chicks of ratites
HEP	26	Hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites
HER	27	Hatching eggs of breeding/productive poultry other than ratites
SP	29	Poultry, other than ratites, for slaughter
SR	30	Ratites for slaughter
POU-LT20	31	<20 heads of poultry other than ratites
HE-LT20	32	<20 hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites
OV/CAP-SEM-A-ENTRY	48	Semen of ovine and caprine animals
OV/CAP-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY	50	Oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals

[a] Chapter in Annex II of Regulation 2025/544.
[b] Relating to cattle (bovine), sheep (ovine), goats (caprine), pigs (porcine), camels/llamas (camelids), deer (cervine), horses (equine), domesticated birds (poultry), large flightless birds (ratites).

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