Updated model animal health/official certificates for live terrestrial animals

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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

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has updated the model animal health certificates that must accompany consignments of live animals (including cows, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry, and ratites [flightless birds]), hatching eggs, semen, and embryos. The updated certificates, listed in Table 1, are aligned with recent changes to rules on antimicrobial medicines, scrapie (transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, TSE) in goats, and the management of certain listed diseases.

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.

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.

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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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