Updates to model animal/official health certificates for animal products and live fish/aquatic animals

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2744 amending Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model animal health certificates, model official certificates, model animal health/official certificates and private attestation

What is changing and why?

Due to some inconsistencies with recently published legislation, the EU has amended the official certificates for animal products and certain live aquatic animals to ensure alignment of the wording between the various model certificates, as well as between these certificates and other recently updated Regulations. Modifications concerns all export certificates to the EU in Regulation 2020/2235.

Actions

Exporters of live aquatic animals and animal products to the EU should use the updated model official certificates as soon as possible after the Regulations are published. This will ensure a smooth transition to the new model before the end of the transitional period and avoid any rejections. Where possible, it is recommended to use the digital system TRACES, as this reduces the chances of introducing errors.

Timeline

Date of publication: 15 December 2023.

Date of application: After 15 June 2024, all certificates/attestations issued for consignments of animal products imported into the EU must conform with the revised models included in this new Regulation. If certificates issued after 15 June 2024 do not conform with the new model, the animal products will not be allowed into the EU.

For a transitional period between 15 June and 15 September 2024, consignments of animal products will be allowed into the EU accompanied by certificates that are in conformity with the "old model" (in line with Regulation 2020/2235 prior to the revisions in Regulation 2023/2744), provided those certificates were issued **before 15 June 2024**.

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