

# Updates to model animal/official health certificates for live animals and germinal products

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2024/351](#) as regards model animal health certificates, model animal health/official certificates, model declarations and official declarations for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain categories of terrestrial animals and germinal products thereof

## What is changing and why?

The EU has corrected and aligned the wording across different model animal health certificates, and with other recent Regulations, for clarity and legal consistency. The modifications concern all export certificates to the EU under Regulation [2021/403](#).

## Actions

It is essential to pay attention to the information provided in the certificates, and to use the latest versions of the certificates whenever the EU Regulations are updated. Any error in filling in the certificate may result in the rejection of consignments at the EU border. Where possible, it is recommended to use the digital system [TRACES](#) as this reduces the chances of introducing errors.

## Timeline

The new model certificates must be in use by **15 August 2024** at the latest. Live animals and germinal products with a certificate issued before 15 August will be able to enter the EU until 15 November 2024.

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