

Voluntary use by non-EU countries of the Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities (ELAN)

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[Draft](#) Commission Implementing Regulation to allow issuing authorities of third countries to use ELAN on a voluntary basis during the transitional period [[scroll down to download](#)]

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What is changing and why?

From **17 January 2028**, non-EU countries will have to issue the following using the Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities (ELAN):

- documents that support imports into the EU under tariff rate quotas referred to in Regulations 2020/761 (Annexes II–XII) and 2020/1988 (Annex II)
- documents required to export under tariff quotas in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors in Regulation 2020/1988 (Art. 31)
- authenticity certificates related to the export of basmati rice, referred to in Regulation 2023/2834.

Since July 2025, authorities in non-EU countries have been able to issue documents through ELAN on a voluntary basis. However, these documents have not had any legal value. This new Regulation will allow these documents to have legal value and be used for customs clearance during the transition period before 17 January 2028.

This Regulation also slightly revises the ELAN1L-TCDOC template that sets out the information required to prove the origin or the conformity to certain standards of the product to be exported to the EU.

Actions

The consultation via the European Commission's [Have your say](#) platform closed on 20 August 2026.

Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be published in September 2026.

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