



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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**** Amended ** European Union (EU): New export certification commencing from 7 December 2021**

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This Market Access Advice amends MAA 2162 previously distributed 1 December 2021 to advise that the use of the English-only EU bovine and sheep/goat meat certificates will be delayed until January 2022. This amended version provides the current advice on the commencement date for the new, updated European Union (EU) export certificates for edible meat and edible meat products (intended for human consumption). It also re-iterates the additional information that exporters will need to provide in their Request for Permit to complete these certificates.

To meet the new EU requirements, and manage risks associated with the Christmas and New Year period, the department is introducing the use of amended EU certificates ahead of the EU's deadline of 15 January 2022.

The first step in this process will be the introduction of new EXDOC business rules for EU certificates from 7 December 2021, requiring additional information that will be needed for the new EU certificates (page 2 of this advice). Please be advised that the department recommends that exporters progress any existing RFP requests for the EU to the COMP stage prior to 7 December to avoid any unforeseen transition issues with these new rules.

The new EU certificates using this information (page 3 of this advice) will then be deployed into EXDOC from 7 December 2021 onwards. The certificates for beef and sheep/goat meat will be delayed until January 2022 to allow use of existing bilingual certificates over the Christmas/New year period. EXDOC software vendors have been required to update EXDOC software to include capability to capture this new information. Drop-in sessions have been held explain the new EXDOC rules and assistance with RFPs will be available from the EXDOC Helpdesk on 02 6272 4800 or EXDOC.HelpDesk@agriculture.gov.au. Please contact the EXDOC helpdesk to request further drop-in training sessions if needed.

The new EU certificates deployed after 7 December 2021 will be English only certificates. While the department is seeking the EU's agreement to accept these certificates for the interim period until paperless eCert implementation (see below), it is possible that some EU Border Control Posts may request bilingual certificates. If this occurs, exporters are requested to seek assistance by following usual procedures and contacting their regional office, but are also requested to provide any relevant information to exportstandards@awe.gov.au.

The use of the English-only EU bovine and sheep/goat meat certificates will be delayed until early January 2022. This will allow the use of bilingual certificates for these two commodities to continue over the Christmas/New Year period. We will provide further advice regarding the exact date of transition to the new EU bovine and sheep/goat meat certificates in a subsequent MAA.

Additional information required by the EU

Revised EU certificates will require exporters to provide additional information when raising a request for permit (RFP) including:

- **Place of destination** - This is now compulsory for all consignments, not just those in transit across the EU.
 - This field will require the Name, Address, and country of the place in the EU where the consignment is being delivered for final unloading. (the EXDOC system will then automatically provide the ISO country code for this field).
 - The registration or approval number can be provided if the destination has one (for example, a registered cold store or packing facility)
 - The EU have advised that if the intended destination changes after the certificate has been signed, then the importer can update this information in the Common Health Entry Document (CHED). This is the responsibility of the importer and certificates should not be replaced after departure unless requested by the border control post.
 - Please contact your software provider if you are unsure where the Place of destination field is located within your software program.
- **CN code** – appears in RFP as “Import Authority Code as is currently required in EXDOC for red meat exports. We have confirmed that this provides the appropriate information for the new EU certificates. The validation table in EXDOC has been updated to match current EU codes such as for kangaroo meat, which is 020890 (Other red meat – other). Table 1 contains a summary of the relevant EU regulation and the Import Authority Codes used in EXDOC.
- **Batch number** – Batch number will be required for each line of product on a certificate. This should match the batch number displayed on any carton labels or commercial documents. The EXDOC system can accommodate up to 17 characters in the batch number field that can be a combination of numbers, letters and the symbols (/), (:) or (-). Where an exporter does not have an existing batch number system, the date of production may be used. EU border posts have previously accepted the date of production as the batch number with the preferred format being DD-MMM-YYYY.
- **Final consumer indication** – the certificate will require an indication of whether the products are packaged for final consumers so that the EU can check that the labelling complies with EU law.
 - This should be answered “YES” when product is packaged for retail sale, such as in a supermarket or packed in individual portions for consumer use.
 - This should be answered “NO” when the product is packed in bulk. This includes product that may be separated for sale to individual consumers by the retailer (such as a butcher’s shop) or separated and labelled for sale by a business in the EU.

While the new EU model certificates include a space for a QR code, this is not a compulsory requirement and will not be applied to meat certificates in the EXDOC system. Exporters may

notice other changes to the appearance of these new certificates, including the government attestations. These changes do not affect the information required from exporters.

Certificates affected by this change

Amended certificates will be deployed for

Commodity	Template name
Beef (not mince)	MEUENA
Beef (not mince) tested to meet EU requirements for Sweden or Finland	MEUENQ
Sheep and goat (not mince)	MEUENB
Equines (horse, donkey)	MEUENC
Wild pig	MEUENE
Wild game (camel)	MEUENF
Kangaroo	MEUENG
Meat products e.g. pies (from beef, sheep or goat meat -).	Z965
Transit and ship stores beef	MEUENI
Transit and ship stores sheep	MEUENJ
Transit and ship stores game (e.g. camel or deer)	MEUENK

*Please note that the new EU regulations specify a different transit certificate for each meat type

- Certificates will be in English only. Bilingual versions of certificates will be developed for major ports if required by that Border Control Post (BCP). Exporters are requested to contact their respective regional office and exportstandards@awe.gov.au if they experience difficulties due to BCP requests for bilingual certificates.
- Please email exportstandards@awe.gov.au if you will require an export certificate after 7 December 2021 for:
 - beef mince or sheep/goat mince
 - farmed game (such as deer)
 - ratites (emu or ostrich)
 - meat preparations (e.g. uncooked flavoured mince)
 - meat products from game animals,
 - meat products from NZ origin meat or casings.
 - Transit certificates for wild boar, wild game, meat
 - Please note that the EU does not require a transit certificate for equines (horse, donkey) or wild land mammals (kangaroo, possum)
- Bilingual and other additional export certificates will be prioritised on an 'as-needed' basis.

Paperless trade - eCert

The department is working with our EU counterparts to implement paperless exchange of health certificates for meat, fish and dairy products via the EU Trade Control and Export System (TRACES) as soon as practicable in 2022. This will facilitate the electronic exchange of certificates which will provide greater efficiency and security as well as automatic translation of certificates.

In preparation for eCert exchange with the EU, exporters must ensure that their EU EXPORTER TRACES ID is correctly reflected in their EXDOC registration records, including exactly the same address and that there are no duplicate IDs in TRACES for their business. Exporters should confirm with their importer whether the importer has applied for a TRACES ID on the exporter's behalf, and if so, the exact details of that ID. To update your TRACES ID number in EXDOC, email exdoc.helpdesk@awe.gov.au. Please note this does not relate to your establishment registration details in ER.

Exporters will also need to provide the correct TRACES ID for the consignee (importer). Please ask your importer to provide you with their correct consignee TRACES ID.

Progress and instructions regarding deadlines for all changes related to eCert will be announced in future Market Access Advices.

Micor

The Manual of Importing Country Requirements (Micor) will be updated to reflect these changes once the certificates have been amended. The department encourages users of Micor to subscribe to the [Micor update service](#) for a commodity specific email that lists changes that have been made in the preceding week.

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment encourages all exporters to work with their importer to ensure that product meets the current importing country requirements.

This advice has been prepared in consultation with industry.

The information provided above is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.

Table 1: CN Codes

The following information is copied from Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/632 and is consistent with the CN codes recommended in the EU model certificates and in the EU TRACES-NT system. The EXDOC Import Authority Codes (IAC) are noted under each commodity type. Please contact exportstandards@awe.gov.au if you have any queries or comments regarding this information.

CN category		Description and EXDOC Import Authority Codes
0201		Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled
	Fresh or chilled beef	0201 10 Carcases and half carcases 0201 20 Other cuts with bone in 0201 30 Boneless
0202		Meat of bovine animals, frozen

CN category		Description and EXDOC Import Authority Codes
	Frozen beef	0202 10 Bovine Frozen carcasses and half carcasses 0202 20 Bovine Frozen other cuts bone in 0202 20 Bovine Frozen other cuts bone in 0202 20 Bovine Frozen other cuts bone in 0202 30 Bovine Frozen boneless
0203	Pigs	Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen Australia has access for wild pig to the EU. No current access for domestic pigs
	Frozen pigmeat	0203 22 90 Frozen Hams, shoulders cuts bone-in wild suidae 0203 29 90 Frozen Other cuts wild suidae
0204	Sheep or Goat	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen
	Fresh or Chilled Sheep	0204 10 00 Lamb Carcasses or Half carcasses 0204 21 00 Carcasses Half carcasses Other sheep (not lamb) 0204 22 10 Short forequarters 0204 22 30 Chines and/or best ends 0204 22 50 Legs 0204 22 90 Bone-in Other (not 2210 2230 2250) 0204 23 00 Boneless (Lamb or Mutton)
	Frozen Sheep	0204 30 00 Lamb Carcasses Half carcasses Frozen 0204 41 00 Other sheep frozen carcasses half carcasses 0204 42 10 Other sheep Frozen Forequarters 0204 42 30 Other sheep Frozen Chines best ends 0204 42 50 Other sheep Frozen Legs 0204 42 90 Other sheep Frozen Other than 4210 4230 4250 0204 43 10 Frozen Lamb Boneless 0204 43 90 Frozen Other sheep Boneless
	Fresh or Chilled Goat	0204 50 11 Goat carcass half carcass fresh chilled 0204 50 13 Goat short forequarter fresh chilled 0204 50 15 Goat chines best ends fresh chilled 0204 50 19 Goat legs fresh chilled 0204 50 31 Goats Other cuts bone-in fresh chilled 0204 50 39 Goat Boneless cuts fresh chilled
	Frozen Goat	0204 50 51 Goat carcass half carcass frozen 0204 50 53 Goat short forequarter frozen 0201 50 55 Goat frozen Chines best ends 0201 50 59 Goat frozen legs 0204 50 71 Goat Frozen Other cuts (not 0204 50 51 5053 5055 5059) 0204 50 79 Goat Frozen Boneless
0205	Equines	Meat of horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen

CN category		Description and EXDOC Import Authority Codes
		0205 00 20 Horse fresh chilled 0205 00 80 Horse Frozen
0206	Edible offal	Edible offal of bovine animals, swine , sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen
	Bovine	0206 10 95 Bovine Fresh Chilled Thick skirt and Thin skirt 0206 10 98 Bovine Fresh Chilled Other than Thick skirt Thin skirt (Liver) 0206 21 00 Bovine Frozen Tongues 0206 22 00 Bovine Frozen Livers 0206 29 91 Bovine Frozen Thick skirt and Thin skirt 0206 29 99 Bovine Frozen Other than Thick skirt and Thin skirt 0206 80 91 Horses, Asses, Mules, Hinnies - Fresh Chilled Other Edible Offal
	Pigs	0206 41 00 Swine Frozen Edible Offal Livers 0206 49 00 Swine Frozen Edible Offal other than livers
	Sheep or Goat	0206 80 99 Sheep Goats Fresh Chilled Other Edible Offal 0206 90 99 Sheep Goats Frozen Other Edible Offal
	Equine	0206 90 91 Horses, Asses, Mules, Hinnies Frozen Other Edible Offal
0208		Other meat and edible meat offal, fresh, chilled or frozen
		0208 60 00 Camels and Camelid meat or offal fresh chilled or Frozen
		0208 90 Other meat or offal fresh chilled frozen NB this covers Kangaroo, possum and wild pig meat – not offal EU definition includes domestic pigeons; of game other than of rabbits or hares; etc.: covers meat of quails, reindeer or any other mammal species
0209		Pig fat, free of lean meat, and poultry fat, not rendered or otherwise extracted, fresh, chilled frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
0210		Meat and edible meat offal, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal Bones for human consumption are covered under heading 0506. (not meat) Sausages are covered under heading 1601
0504 00 00		Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
1601 00		Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products

CN category		Description and EXDOC Import Authority Codes
1602		Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood