

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 of 16 December 2020 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards model animal health certificates, model official certificates and model animal health/official certificates, for the entry into the Union and movements within the Union of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods, official certification regarding such certificates and repealing Regulation (EC) No 599/2004, Implementing Regulations (EU) No 636/2014 and (EU) 2019/628, Directive 98/68/EC and Decisions 2000/572/EC, 2003/779/EC and 2007/240/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

#### *Article 5*

#### **Requirements for certificates for consignments of animals and goods intended for human consumption**

1 The official veterinarian or the certifying officer shall complete certificates for consignments of animals and goods intended for human consumption in accordance with the following requirements:

- a the certificate must bear the signature of the official veterinarian or the certifying officer and the official stamp; the colour of the signature and the colour of stamp, other than embossed or watermarked stamp, must be different to the colour of the printing;
- b where the certificate contains multiple or alternative statements, the statements which are not relevant must be crossed out, initialled and stamped by the official veterinarian or certifying officer, or completely removed from the certificate;
- c the certificate must consist of one of the following:
  - (i) a single sheet of paper;
  - (ii) several sheets of paper where all sheets are indivisible and constitute an integrated whole;
  - (iii) a sequence of pages with each page numbered so as to indicate that it is a particular page in a finite sequence;
- d where the certificate consists of a sequence of pages as referred to in point (c)(iii), of this paragraph, each page must bear the unique code referred to in Article 89(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the signature of the official veterinarian or certifying officer and the official stamp;
- e in the case of certificates for movements of consignments within the Union or between Member States, the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches the place of destination in the Union;
- f in the case of certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments, the certificate must be presented to the competent authority of the border control post of entry into the Union where the consignment is subjected to official controls;
- g the certificate must be issued before the consignment to which it relates leaves the control of the competent authority issuing the certificate;
- h in the case of certificates for the entry into the Union, the certificate must be drawn up in the official language, or in one of the official languages, of the Member State of the border control post of entry into the Union.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission  
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2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1(h) a Member State may consent to certificates being drawn up in another official language of the Union and accompanied, if necessary, by an authenticated translation.

3 Points (a) to (e) of paragraph 1 do not apply to electronic certificates issued in accordance with the requirements of Article 39(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715.

4 Points (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph 1 shall not apply to certificates issued in paper and completed in, and printed from, TRACES.

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