



## **Amendment of Export Notices to Incorporate Live Animals and Germplasm**

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### **Background**

There is a move for regulatory reform, and a policy of integrating similar programmes across the different sectors of MAF to simplify the systems for export that are currently in place.

Following a recent review of the Official Assurance Programme (OAP) for live animals and animal germplasm, integrating this programme into the current animal products export regulatory model resulted in amendment of four Animal Product (AP) export notices:

- Animal Products (Official Assurances Specification) Notice 2005
- Animal Products (Recognised Agencies and Person Specifications) Notice 2007
- Animal Products (Export Approved Premises) Notice 2006
- Animal Products (Export Verification Requirements) Notice 2009

Up until now the above four export notices specifically excluded live animals and germplasm. These notices have now been amended to remove these exclusions, and add some specific provisions for live animals and germplasm. These amendments have effectively integrated the OAP for live animals and germplasm into the Animal Products export model.

These notices have now been amended and published as the 2011 versions.

Most of the significant changes relate to the export of live animals and germplasm. For the current AP export sectors, most of the changes are relatively minor, and will have no noticeable impact on the current export programmes. There was no intention in this update of these notices for substantial changes to be made for the animal product sectors covered in the previous notices.

A summary of the amendments is detailed below to assist. Other minor amendments are due to editorial or format changes.

### **AP (Export Approved Premises) Notice 2011**

The main change allows germplasm centres/teams and poultry hatcheries to be approved as export approved premises, and to which the Export Verification notice will then apply. Other changes include some new definitions, a change to 5(d), inclusion of 9(c) and a reduction in the content of the Explanatory Note.

### **AP (Export Verification Requirements) Notice 2011**

The main change for live animals was to include germplasm businesses and poultry hatcheries in Schedule 1 of the notice.

Other changes include definitions, inclusion of 8(3) and (4), and additional details for registered transporters in Schedule 1.

### **AP (Recognised Agencies and Person Specification) Notice 2011**

The main change for live animals and germplasm was to amend the scope of application in 3.

Other changes include definitions, removal of routine examination of animal material and products from 5(2) and 13, and remove Part 6 for official assessors.

### **AP (Official Assurance Specification) Notice 2011**

Most of the changes are simply incorporating the current 2011 live animal and germplasm notice into the 2005 animal products notice to produce a new combined version.

The main changes for live animals and germplasm are in Part 8.

The requirements for passenger pack export certificates have been removed. Passenger pack export certificates have not been issued for a number of years, and the approved printer has stopped producing the templates.

Part 7 – Transfer Documents - Bee Products, transfers the details from the Animal Products Official Assurances Programme 2009 into the Specification to align the two documents. All details remain the same, so there are no changes that affect current certification practices.

Other changes in the document are due to editorial or formatting changes.