

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Trader Notice MH 27/2014

To: All Game Handling Establishments

Subject: New health certificate for the export of unskinned large wild game to another Member State

The Health Certificate in this Trader Notice replaces the Commercial Document of Trader Notice MH 32/2013 and 41/2012

Introduction

The EU Commission have recently adopted regulations harmonizing conditions for the trade of unskinned large wild game. Commission Regulation 636/2014 of 13 June 2014 sees the introduction of a Health Certificate to accompany unskinned large wild game (i.e. deer) destined for another Member State.

Due to existing procedures developed in recent years, the replacement of the current Commercial Document by this Health Certificate is the only material change resulting from the new regulations.

Veterinary Health Certificate

Copies of the revised veterinary health certificate will be made available to Veterinary Inspectors at the eligible plants through the usual channels, on request.

Role of FBO

Approved Game Handling Establishments exporting unskinned large wild game bodies to another Member State are to give due notice to the official veterinarian (OV) in charge. Only wild game bodies complying with the existing requirements of Regulation 853/2004 can be certified by the OV and the FBO must be able to demonstrate this to the satisfaction of the OV. Consignments of such wild game bodies are to be accompanied by a conventional commercial document and the official veterinary health certificate.

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