Information Notice to Trade

Correct GB Export Health Certificate Completion

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority has issued this Information Notice in relation to technical requirements for Irish companies trading with Great Britain in an evolving third country regulatory environment.

From 00:01 a.m on the 31st of January 2024, consignments of Irish medium and high risk fish, fishery products and molluscan shellfish with a final destination in Great Britain or transiting the GB landbridge en route to a final destination in mainland Europe will require Export Health Certificates (EHCs).

To check the risk categorisation of your product you can follow this link.

Export Health Certification of consignments for final destination GB and transit across GB will be provided via TRACES.

All exporting FBOs who will require EHCs for trade with GB should complete the Industry training on TRACES provided by DAFM at this link.

A full user guide on how to create an EHC on TRACES can be found here.

Certificate Template Selection

Consignments of fish, fishery products and molluscan shellfish will be covered by one of three certificate templates:

GBHC401 FP Fishery products v1.1 Aug-23.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)

GBHC400 LBM Live bivalve molluscs echinoderms tunicates and marine gastropods v1.1 Aug-23.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Aquaculture transit or storage from the EU 1251-2008 GBHC061E v1.2 Sep-21.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)

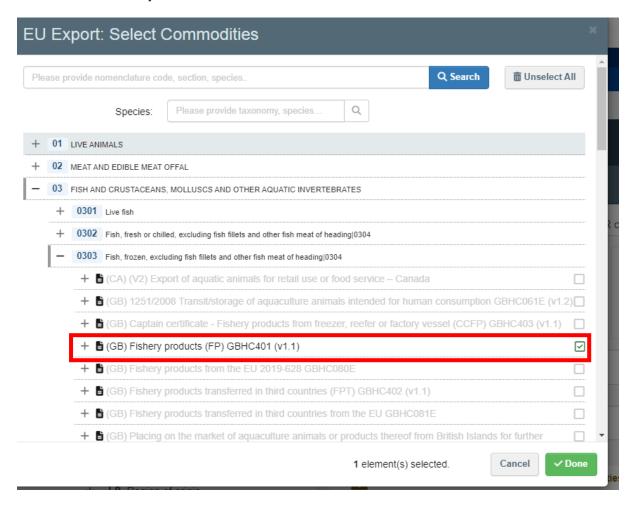
Screenshots below are taken from TRACES.

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For Exports of Fishery Products for human consumption with a final destination in GB, GBHC401 FP Fishery products v1.1 Aug-23.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk) should be used under the relevant commodity code.



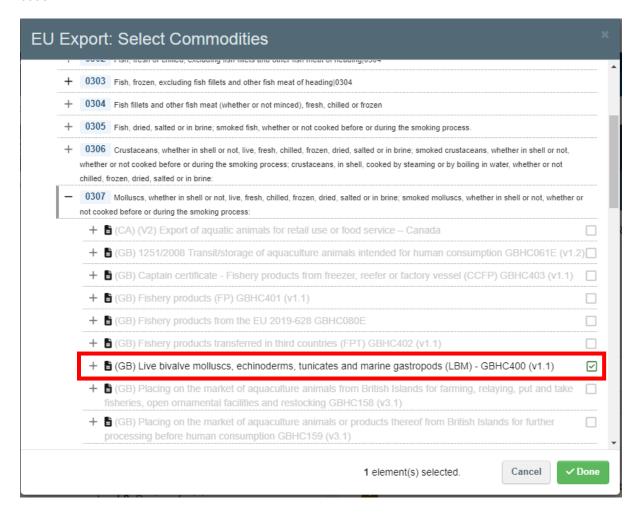
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For LBMs for human consumption with a final destination in GB,

GBHC400 LBM Live bivalve molluscs echinoderms tunicates and marine gastropods v1.1 A ug-23.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk) is the relevant cert to be used under the correct commodity code.



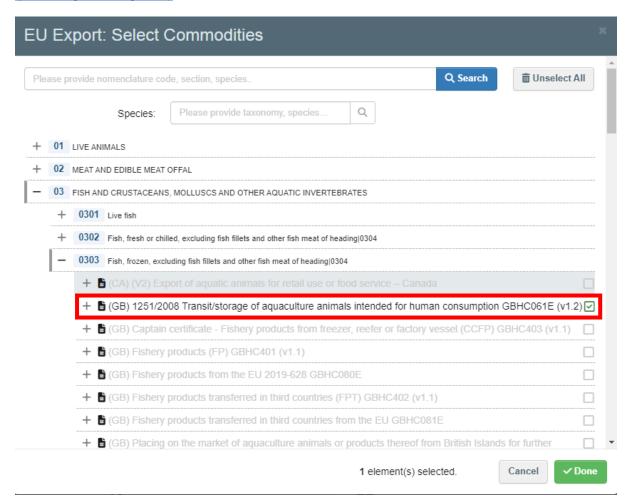
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For fishery products or LBMs for human consumption transiting the GB landbridge on their way to a final destination in mainland Europe the relevant certificate is

Aquaculture_transit_or_storage_from_the_EU_1251-2008_GBHC061E_v1.2_Sep-21.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)



Tips for certificate completion

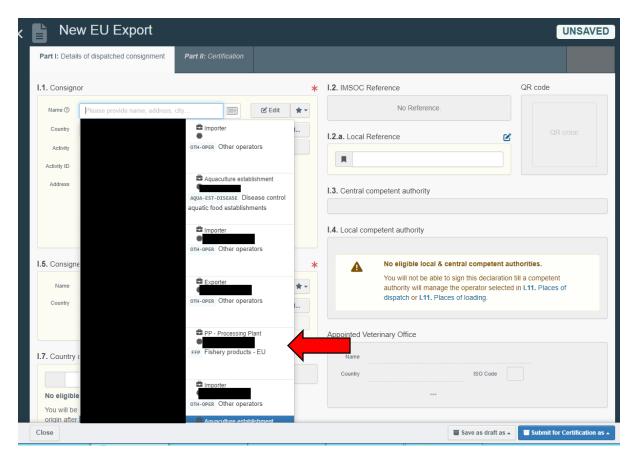
For a full guide on how to complete Part I of the relevant EHC please follow this link.

In addition to the above please find below a number of tips for completion of Part I of the EHCs on TRACES.

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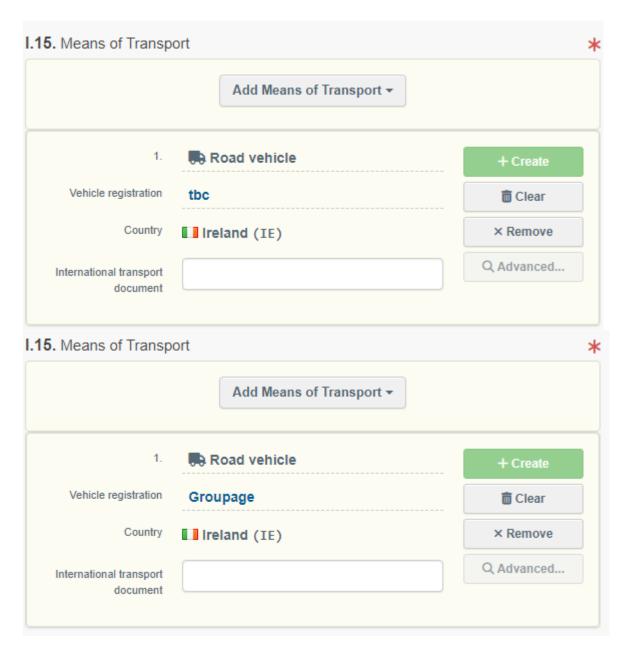
1. When inputting your details into field I.1 Consignor, if you are registered for multiple activities, please be sure to select the 'Processing Plant' with your SFPA approval number and 'FFP Fishery products – EU' for insertion into this field. See example below.



2. In field I.15 Means of Transport, if the vehicle registration is unknown at time of submitting part one of the EHC you can submit TBC/Groupage as applicable. This can be updated prior to certification. Current indications given by UK authorities is that the correct registration must be available on IPAFFS pre-notification entry done by GB importer, but not necessarily on the EHC. See examples below.

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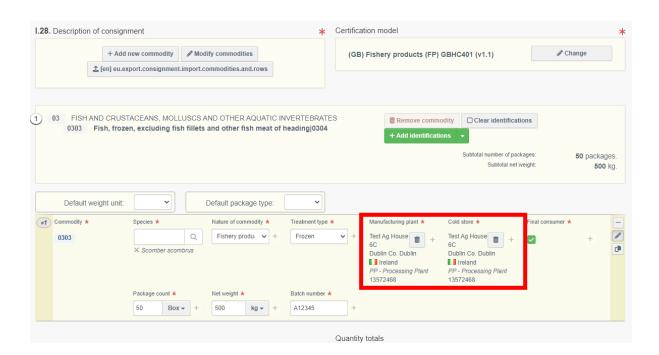
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3. In field I. 28 description of the commodity, under the manufacturing and cold store fields, if there are no other sites to be input in these fields you should input the same details as the I. 1 consignor field. See example below.

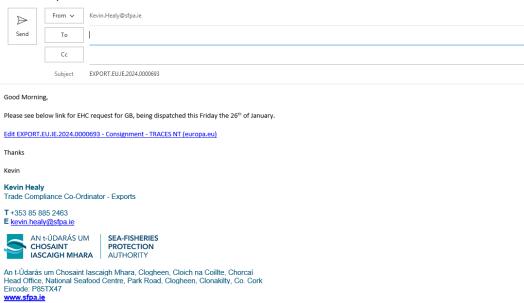
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It is important to note that once you have submitted part I of the certificate you must notify your local port office by email including the certificate reference number and the link to the certificate, and details of when the consignment is being dispatched.

For example,



Contact details for your local port office can be found here.

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The full SFPA process for issuance of Export Health Certificates for GB can be found here.

Queries regarding this information notice may be addressed to SFPATradeandAudit@sfpa.ie

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