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ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR EXPORTS TO BRAZIL

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Purpose

To provide additional guidance for all Export Health Certificates (EHCs) to Brazil, regarding manual strikethroughs and alterations.

Background

The Veterinary authorities in Brazil (MAPA) have informed Defra Market Access Team that with immediate effect, manual strikethroughs or alterations to final EHCs will no longer be permitted.

Consignments arriving in Brazil with an EHC containing manual strikethroughs or alterations may be detained or refused entry into Brazil.

Action

OVs / FCCOs must cross out electronically any sections not applicable before printing EHCs for Brazil. For exports from Great Britain, this functionality will be added to the editable certificate that is downloaded from EHC Online. For exports from Northern Ireland, DAERA will provide guidance.

Manual alterations must also be avoided. 'Cancel and Replace' procedures must be followed instead.

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

The electronic strikethrough functionality has currently only been added to the most frequently used EHCs to Brazil. If an EHC you are signing does not have this functionality and you need to make any deletions, please contact APHA as soon as possible so the functionality can be added.

This guidance will be added to relevant Notes for Guidance.

Further Information

- If you require any further information, please contact APHA at Exports@apha.gov.uk or call 03000 200 301
- Replacement Certificates: [OV Instructions \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/ov-instructions)
- Certifiers Quick Reference Guide - Cancel and Replace: [Cancel and replacement certificates - guidance for certifiers \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/cancel-and-replacement-certificates)