

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR TRADE OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS?

APPROVAL OF A GERMINAL PRODUCT ESTABLISHMENT

This is the **first step required** to trade in germinal products outside NI. (Registered establishments, in contrast, may only sell products within NI).

MARKETS

Have you considered the import requirements of your intended export market/s?

You will need to consider these immediately and long before you proceed to arrange an export, for example, the requirements for donors, including quarantine, testing and disease freedoms.

See Guidance for moving germinal product to GB and exporting to EU and Third Countries here:

[Germinal products | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

GB certificates may be found here [Find an export health certificate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and on the DAERA website.

EU certificates are on TRACES – note quarantine, test, disease freedom requirements including for bovine donors, freedom from TB and Br and never having been in a herd of a lower health status.

Third Country certificates are here [Find an export health certificate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

If you cannot find a certificate for your proposed export contact DAERA Trade Exports daeratradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk

THIRD COUNTRY ADDITIONAL APPROVALS

Is an **additional approval required by the importing authority** of a third country?

Some third countries, for example China, also require an establishment to be approved and listed by them as well as by DAERA. If you are considering such markets, please allow months or longer for the importing country to process applications for approval, their progress is outside DAERA's control. There may be additional procedural requirements for the establishment over and above those for EU approval.

To find out more, contact DAERA Trade Exports daeratradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk

DONORS

Donors must be eligible for producing germinal product and meet the requirements of export health certificates. Seek donor clearance before collecting germinal product.

Obtain and keep supporting information for donors, such as pre-collection clearance documents, owners' declarations, herd disease histories, support attestations from private practitioners, etc. These will support certification of the statements on the **germinal product export health certificate**, which may be requested months/years after collection.

For imported donors, keep import certificates and any supporting information and check with the certifying veterinarian if these documents have the required information to satisfy the statements on germinal product certificates. If not, you will need to get this from the authorities exporting the donor to you at the time of import. Do not wait until the germinal product is being exported in case the donor cannot match the requirements of the germinal product certificate.

Owners are responsible for ensuring that imported donors are registered on the appropriate DAERA traceability system for their species, NIFAIS/APHIS, on arrival to NI. If not officially registered at the time of import, DAERA cannot do the required disease and residency checks for certification of their germinal products. This means they would be ineligible for an export health certificate.

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CERTIFICATION

Who will certify your germinal products?

The certifying veterinary surgeon **must be approved to certify germinal products** and have all the evidence to certify the statements on the export health certificates. They must not have a professional conflict of interest, for example, co-ownership of the germinal products, see RCVS for guidance [21. Certification - Professionals \(rcvs.org.uk\)](#)