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Exports and Brexit - fishery products

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Exports – who's who

Defra/UK Gov – the negotiation of international obligations is reserved.

Scottish Government – the implementation of international obligations is devolved. Responsible for co-ordinating Scottish input to no deal export planning

APHA - executive agency, sponsored by Defra, the Welsh Government and Scottish Government. **APHA administrate the formal EHC process on behalf of Ministers**

Local authorities – deliver EHC functions in fishery establishments. SFELC imports/exports working group

FSS – policy lead for food hygiene and safety. Providing support and advice to SG, APHA and UKG (FSA or Defra)

Exports – what's what

Currently – all POAO can travel across EU on ID mark (hygiene reg 853/2004)

No deal exit – all POAO needs an EHC and must be routed via an approved establishment (ie one approved by LA) and on the EU list of approved establishments. There must be an AO available to attest to the requirements on the EHC. A catch cert may be required. May be additional HMRC requirement etc

But first: UK needs to be listed as a country + FBOs approved (by the EU) to export to the EU (as per current EU requirements for 3rd countries)
EU carry risk of WTO challenge if UK treated differently from other 3Cs – therefore planning on basis of '3C status' as set out in EU law

FSS is assisting FSA in facilitating FBO listing process.

APHA – advice to exporters

Recent Seafish workshop for FBOs:

- ❖ *“Contact local Official Veterinarians (OV) practices and/or your local authority to discuss support required, availability of services, charges and need for out of hours operations*
- ❖ *Familiarise yourselves with the EU Fisheries EHCs (available on gov.uk)*
- ❖ *Bundle consignments efficiently*
- ❖ *Review the published list of suitable EU Border Inspection Posts to help plan your journey*
- ❖ *Encourage the EU importer of your exports to pre-notify your consignment on TRACES (please note this is a responsibility of the EU importer/agent)”*

Scottish Government action

Political

- pushed UK Government to seek temporary derogation from export health requirements
- sought commitment that UK Government will reimburse additional costs borne by public sector or industry
- urged UK Government to provide special lanes for hauliers of perishable goods

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Practical

- working closely with Defra, APHA, FSS and local authorities to minimise disruptive impact of EHCs
- agreed risk-based approach to certification with UK chief veterinary officers
- joined Seafood Scotland on study visit to Boulogne-sur-Mer fishing port and new border inspection post
- invited local authority environmental health departments to submit requests for support with resource requirements
- prepared guidance for seafood exporters on EHCs
- supporting DFDS Logistics' proposal to become a certification hub for the seafood industry



Any questions?

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