

Dear Colleague(s),

**AVI EXPORT CERTIFICATION TRAINING ( WASH UP SESSION )**

In preparation for EU exit, we are working with the NIVA & AVSPNI to build Export Health Certification (EHC) capacity and capability in order to support industry's export aspirations across all possible scenarios.

In the event of a "No Deal" exit, private veterinarians authorised by DAERA (known as AVIs) will deliver certification to establishments/businesses not previously serviced by government such as distributors, egg packing centres etc.

To build private sector EHC capability and capacity, DAERA rolled out export certification training across NI at the end of October. Events were held in both CAFRE Greenount and CAFRE Loughry, and you or one of your practice colleagues may have attended one of these events. If so, I hope you found the content useful.

Some AVI's, however, may not have been able to attend one of these previous sessions, so a further session has been arranged as follows:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**CAFRE Loughry College,**  
**Conference Room in the Admin Building**

The training will start at 9-30 AM and will extend into the middle of the afternoon. A sandwich lunch will be provided and further details will be issued to those interested in attending.

At this stage I would like to establish the level of demand for this additional training so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Please therefore confirm your interest with VSAHG DOC at [VSAHG\\_DOCinfo@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:VSAHG_DOCinfo@daera-ni.gov.uk) as soon as possible, and in any event before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**Please note that to be authorised by DAERA for EHC work post EU exit it is essential that you participate in this training, and that it is unlikely that any further training sessions will be offered.**

DAERA have already written to approved and registered businesses to inform them of their Export Health Certification (EHC) delivery options and advised them, where appropriate, to contact private veterinary practices. When the list of veterinary practices which have agreed to supply a certification service to food businesses has been compiled and uploaded to the DAERA website, this will be followed up by a further communication informing them of the practice list and including a link to it.

If you have not already done so please confirm, as soon as possible to [VSAHG\\_DOCinfo@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:VSAHG_DOCinfo@daera-ni.gov.uk), whether you wish your practice to be included in the list published on the DAERA website

Regards

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