

Trophy Export Guidance

Following the UK's departure from the EU, BASC has been made aware of several consequences that may affect the UK's deer stalking industry.

One thing that has happened because of BREXIT is that, in order to send any animal or animal product to Europe, a special export permit is needed. For a lot of products and live animals, there was always something similar required. However, of most relevance to the stalking scene, is that hunting "trophies" will now need a health certificate to be sent to the EU. These certificates need to be signed off by either a registered veterinary body or local authority certified to deal with food matters.

It is also worth noting that for the purposes of exports etc, Northern Ireland is now classed as the EU and so sending or bringing any trophies back into NI will also need these certificates.

Below I have detailed some of the steps needed to acquire the relevant documents to be able to legally export trophies from the UK.

1. The trophy must come from an animal that was legally taken and not showing signs of any notifiable disease
2. In order to send any game trophy, including deer, goats, boar and game birds, you will need to apply for an Export Health Certificate from APHA
3. In order to do this, you will need to register with DEFRA online to have access to the applications. <https://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates/export-of-game-trophies-or-other-preparations-of-birds-and-ungulates-to-the-european-union-certificate-8330>
4. You will need to detail what the shipment contains, where it originates, who is sending, who is receiving, point of departure, point of entry into the EU, final destination country, transport method, and other details as well as the details of the "certifying authority"
5. This authority will be either a veterinary body or local (FCCO) authority that will fill in an accompanying declaration stating that the consignment is safe for export, came from an area free from certain diseases etc. A list of registered authorities that can contribute to EHC's is available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/find-a-professional-to-certify-export-health-certificates/professionals-in-england-scotland-or-wales-who-can-certify-export-health-certificates>
6. You will need a commodity code. For example, the code for mounted antlers is 9705000030. These codes can be looked up at <https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/sections>
7. All the above details, along with the authorities' declaration, will be printed onto an EHC document that must accompany the consignment. DEFRA will print the document in the language of the arrival and/or destination country.
8. You can apply for 100 certificates at a time for regular/multiple shipments
9. The process can be done by a "nominated person" such as the resident stalker/keeper/estate etc. on behalf of the clients.