

Establishment Veterinary Visitation Attestation

Establishment Name:

Establishment Address:

Postcode:

County Parish Holding (CPH) number:

Veterinary Practice Name

Veterinary Practice Address:

I have carried out a veterinary visit to the above premises for animal health purposes on (insert date) this visit included an assessment of, and provision of relevant information on, signs of the occurrence of diseases, including the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 and diseases notifiable and reportable in GB relevant to the species present on the establishment.

Private MRCVS Veterinarian name:	<input type="text"/>
MRCVS Reference Number:	<input type="text"/>
Signature	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>
Practice Stamp:	<input type="text"/>

Notes

- Export Health Certificates (EHC) require that the establishment of origin of the kept animals, or the establishment of origin of the kept animals from which the germinal products or products of animal origin were obtained receive regular animal health visits from a veterinarian for the purpose of the detection of, and information on, signs of the occurrence of diseases, including the relevant listed diseases referred to in [Annex I to Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/692](#).
- Further information of the frequency of visits to different establishment types can

be found in the Notes for Guidance (NFG) for the relevant EHC.

Notes for Establishment Operators:

- Signed attestations should be retained by establishment operators as a source of evidence to provide Official Veterinarians (OV) certifying relevant EHCs evidence that regular animal health visits (meeting the requirements outlined in point 1) have occurred at the establishment. These records should be retained by the establishment, and made available to OVs when required, for **at least** three years.
- Attestations are not required as evidence of veterinary visits for establishments which are part of an APHA approved establishment scheme (such as assembly centres, germinal products establishments, confined establishments and Poultry Health Scheme members). An active approval under these schemes can be considered by the OV as evidence of regular veterinary visits which meet requirements which are at least equivalent to that outlined in the attestation.
- The attestation form can be used as shown on page 1 or the attestation statement can be copied and reproduced as part of accompanying animal health visit documentation provided to you by veterinary surgeon or for example by your assurance scheme, on the condition the statement is accompanied with equivalent establishment and attesting veterinarian information to that shown on the model attestation on page 1. Attestations may be provided to, and stored, by operators as soft or hard copy. Electronic signatures are acceptable.
- **Notes for Veterinary surgeon:**
- To meet the requirements of this attestation visits to establishments undertaken by a veterinary surgeons should incorporate assessment(s) of animal health at a herd/flock/establishment level and must include as a minimum, an assessment of, and provision of relevant information on, signs of the occurrence of diseases, including the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 and diseases notifiable and reportable in GB relevant to the species present on the establishment (refer to GOV.UK for further information).
- The following types of animal health visits undertaken at establishments of origin by a veterinarian for one or more of the following reasons meet the requirements of point 1, if they include the activities outlined in point 6. Of these types of visit, attestations as evidence that the veterinary visit has occurred:
 - are not required for:
 - Inspection visits undertaken by APHA veterinarian or where relevant an OV for the purpose of approval to become an 'Approved Establishment' or maintaining an 'Approved Establishment' status where visits incorporate assessment(s) of animal health at a herd/flock level;
 - are required for:
 - Statutory visits by or on behalf of APHA to the establishment for herd/flock health reasons;
 - Visits undertaken by a veterinarian for the purpose of certification for membership and compliance with a relevant farm assurance scheme;
 - Visits undertaken at the flock/herd/establishment health level by an OV for the purpose of certification;

- Visits undertaken by a private veterinary surgeon where the visit incorporates assessment of animal health at a herd/flock/establishment level
- Signed attestations should be provided to and retained by establishment operators as a source of evidence to provide OV's certifying relevant EHCs. Establishment operators should be reminded that they should retain these records for at least three years and make them available to OV's when required.
- The attestation form can be used as shown on page 1 or the attestation statement can be copied and reproduced as part of accompanying animal health visit documentation if captured with equivalent establishment and attesting veterinarian information. The attestation Veterinary Attestations may provide to operators for retention as soft or hard copy. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

Notes for the OV:

- Signed attestations may be provided by establishment operators to OV's as evidence that regular animal health visits (meeting the requirements outlined in point 1) have occurred at the establishment.
- Establishment operators should retain copies of these attestations for at least three years) and make them available to the OV's when required as evidence to support the certification of relevant EHCs (noting the attestation was first published in April 2022).
- Attestations are not required as evidence of veterinary visits for establishments which are part of an APHA approved establishment scheme (i.e. assembly centres, germinal products establishments, confined establishments, Poultry Health Scheme members). An active approval under these schemes can be considered by the OV as evidence of regular veterinary visits which meet requirements which are at least equivalent to that outlined in the attestation.
- For all other establishments, if sufficient existing evidence is not available, the attestation above must be completed by a veterinary surgeon to confirm that the animal health visit has been carried out. This can include visits undertaken at the flock/herd/establishment health level by an OV for the purpose of certification or any of the other types of visit outlined in point 7 b) to e).
- For further information OV's should consult the relevant EHC NFG.