

EXPORT CERTIFICATES - HEALTH CERTIFICATES AND CATCH CERTIFICATES (FISH)

Due to the world wide COVID-19 crisis, it has become difficult to receive original health certificates and catch certificates (fish) in the border control posts in the EU. Because of the restrictions and cancelled flights, couriers like DHL and TNT have problems to send documents by airplane to Europe.

Importers have contacted the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) with the question if it could be possible to accept copies of health certificates during controls at the border. The suggestion is that apart from the option that the TRACES system can be used by third countries to issue export certificates, the NVWA gives the Competent Authority in the third country the opportunity to send the certificate as a scanned Pdf-file directly by email to the NVWA.

This will be in line with Letter SANTE.DDG2.G/BVG from the European Commission. The email to which the certificates have to be sent, is: Douane.DRH.Health.Certificates.Rotterdam@belastingdienst.nl

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