



Department
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Extract of the GB Certificate of Inspection (Col) explanatory notes

Extract No.....: The extract number corresponds to the number of the batch obtained from the splitting of the consignment.

Box 1: Name, address and code of control body or authority in the third country having issued the underlying certificate of inspection.

Box 2: This box indicates which provisions of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 which are relevant for the issue and use of this extract; indicate the relevant provision under which the underlying consignment was imported, see box 2 of the underlying certificate of inspection:

Council Regulation (EC) No 843/2007, as it has effect in Great Britain:

- Article 33(2) – confirms that the products are imported under Annex III, equivalent third countries.
- Article 33(3) – confirms that the products are certified as equivalent to the GB Regulations in the third country and are certified by a control body listed on Annex IV. (This box is not for use yet).

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, as it has effect in the European Union:

- Article 33(2) – confirms that the products are imported under annex III, EU's equivalent third countries. (Do not check this box for imports to GB).
- Article 33(3) – confirms that the products are certified as equivalent to the EU Regulations in the third country and are certified by a control body listed on Annex IV.

The boxes that should be checked will be the 1st or 4th and which box is checked will depend on whether the import is from a third country listed on Annex III or is certified by a control body appearing on Annex IV as approved to operate in the third country the products originate from.

Practically speaking, GB will accept an organic certificate setting out that the products which are certified by control bodies on Annex IV are equivalent to the EU standards until 1 January 2023, alongside a GB Col.

Box 3: Serial number of the underlying certificate, this will need to be assigned by the third country control body until an electronic system can automatically assign this.

In order to ensure a logical serial number is given and it is unique to the consignment, we propose the following format “COI.[CB code].nnnnn”. As the CB code is unique, there will be no possible duplication by other CBs.

Box 4: Operator that physically splits the original consignment into batches or the operator responsible for that operation.

Box 5: Control body or authority in charge of controlling the operator having split the consignment.

Box 6: Name, address and the Economic Operators Registration and Identification number (EORI) of the importer. The importer shall mean the natural or legal person within Great Britain who presents the consignment for release for free circulation into the Great Britain, either on its own, or through a representative.

Box 7: Country of origin means the country where the product has been produced/ grown or processed.

Box 8: Country of export means the country where the product has been subject to the last operation for the purposes of preparation and sealed in appropriate packaging or containers.

Box 9: Country of clearance means Great Britain. Point of entry is the point of release for free circulation and is identified by the United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (UN/LOCODE, five alphabetical characters).

Box 10: Country of destination would be Great Britain.

Box 11: Consignee of the batch (obtained from the splitting) in Great Britain.

Box 12: Description of products that includes Combined Nomenclature codes for the products concerned (8-digit level where possible), trade name, number of packages (number of boxes, cartons, bags, buckets, etc.), lot number and net weight indicated in box 13 of the underlying certificate of inspection.

Box 13: Shall be completed by the relevant competent authority for each of the batches resulting in the splitting operation referred to in Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008. The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing.

Box 14: Shall be filled in at the reception of the batch, when the consignee has carried out the checks provided for in Article 34 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008.