

Maison de la Normandie – 13th January 2022

The changes applied this year will impact the traders and the market, especially the controls on products of animal & plant origin.

From what I gathered, the traders will now have to show health certificates for all products of animal & plant origin. This will mean an extra cost for them and a lot of paperwork.

One of the traders is bringing cheese for example but his cheeses are coming from all over France with different producers so this means that he will have to ask each and everyone of his producers (more than 100) to provide a health certificate, if I understood correctly.

The second problem is that now, our traders need to do a declaration of entry into Jersey with an inventory of the products they are bringing. If they want to go back to France with the remainder of their products, they need to do two other declarations: one stating what was sold on the island and one stating what is going back to France.

For products of animal and plant origin, our traders need to show a health certificate from Jersey to be able to reimport their products into France.

However, Environmental Health here in Jersey, can't provide this Export Health Certificate as our traders are not Approved Premises in Jersey but France doesn't accept the merchandise without this certificate.

Those two points are our main worries for the market. The health certificates are also a worry for our shop inside Maison de la Normandie et de la Manche as we import products from Normandy that are of animal & plant origin. Most of our products are from local companies producing at a small scale so veterinarians checks to have health certificates will certainly be a problem for them (cost, time, paperwork) and will impact us, if we want to continue to offer their products in our shop.

Here are some questions about the changes:

- Do we need one health certificate per product of animal or plant origin?
- Will there be a list of laboratories / veterinarians that will be published to be sure that controls in France are valid in Jersey?
- Is a health certificate required for any product meant for human consumption or is it limited to product of animal or plant origin (I'm thinking about drinks for example)?
- Certificates and attestations must be in English but do products' labels have to be translated in English for us to import and sell them in Jersey?
- Will it be possible to have health certificates from Jersey to reimport products into France?

To reply to the questions asked in your first email. We are indeed concerned about the increase of paperwork and costs related that the OCR will bring for our traders and ourselves. If we succeed in having the right paperwork, there will certainly be an increase on goods' prices that will impact the Jersey people.

We have had some communication from the Government of Jersey and Environmental Health is reactive in their replies. However, we are missing a clear and exhaustive document explaining what documentation will be needed, the costs related and the checks imposed. It would be very convenient to have some type of checklist from the Government to make this transition easier.

I hope those information will be helpful and that you will be able to give us answers and keep us informed.