

## Pre-Export Checks (PEC) Certification – GB Certificate FAQs

### **When does the GB PEC Certificate apply for shipments to the UK regions?**

USDA/SPI will begin issuing GB PEC Certificates on January 15, 2024.

### **If a lot destined for the UK was sampled and analyzed prior to January 15, 2024, but the certificate not issued until after January 15, 2024, what cert will be issued?**

If “United Kingdom” is selected in the country designation a GB certificate will be issued on or after 1/15/24, regardless of the sample and analysis date.

### **Will issuance within 7 days (calendar days) of the truck’s bill lading date apply to GB PEC Certificates?**

Yes, this requirement applies to GB PEC Certificates as well.

### **Can you ship a consignment to the UK before the GB PEC launch date of January 15, 2024?**

- Any certificates for UK destinations issued prior to January 15, 2024, will be an EU PEC Certificate.
- The UK will continue to allow PEC certificates to be issued prior to January 15, 2024. Any certs issued on or after January 15, 2024, will be on a GB PEC Certificate.

### **How long are the EU and GB PEC Certificates valid for after issuance?**

The EU and GB PEC Certificate are valid for 4 months.

### **Will the GB PEC Certificate need to have a separate PEC Issuance Log (PIL) provided for USDA/SPI upon issuance?**

No, the PIL is valid for both the EU and GB PEC Certificates.

### **How will the PEC Verifications be impacted by introducing the GB PEC Certificates?**

- There will be no changes to how the PEC Certificates are selected for the verifications. PEC Certificates are selected at random.
- GB PEC Certificates may be randomly reviewed as part of those selected.

### **Will the GB aflatoxin tolerance be the same as the EU aflatoxin tolerance of (8ppb B1/10ppb total)?**

Yes, the aflatoxin tolerance remains the same for GB PEC Certificates.