



Department for Business & Trade

To whom it may concern.

ILB and OPSS are now part of the Department for Business and Trade (DBT).

The United Kingdom's Import Licensing Branch (ILB) and part of the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) have transferred to the new Department for Business and Trade (DBT). Their work remains unchanged.

As a consequence of a recent re-organisation of the work of the UK Government, part of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), has been merged with the Department for International Trade (DIT) to form the new Department for Business and Trade (DBT). This means that DBT deals with both product safety legislation that previously fell under the responsibility of BEIS and the certification regimes that fell under the remit of DIT.

Certificates of Free Sale (CFS), Certificates of Manufacture (COM), Certificates of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMPC), and import licences issued by the Department for International Trade (DIT) will be issued by the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) from XX/XX/2023 onwards. Documentation issued by the Department for International Trade before this date remains valid.

The DBT logo, as shown on in the top left-hand corner of this document, will appear on DBT issued certificates, licences and their associated letters from XX/XX/23.

If the recipient authority is in any way unsure of the validity of our issued certificates, please email enquiries.ilb@trade.gov.uk and we will check it for you. Our certificates and licences will continue to be issued with an electronic signature.

The following UK Government Departments also issue Certificates of Free Sale for exporters:
The Rural Payments Agency (part of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) - food, drink and health supplements for humans or animals.
The Health and Safety Executive - pesticides and certain biocide products.
The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency – pharmaceutical products and medical devices.