

UK Transition | Export Toolkit

**Exporting animals and
animal products to the EU
from January 2021**

Animals, products of animal origin or germplasm (plant breeding)

To transport these products from the UK to the EU from 1st January 2021 you'll need:

- 1. An export health certificate, which you need to apply for in advance**
- 2. To get your goods checked at a border control post (BCP), previously known as a border inspection post (BIP) or designated point of entry (DPE) that can accept your type of goods, in the first EU country you enter**
- 3. To make sure your EU-based import agent has notified the BCP that your consignment is arriving - check with the BCP for how much notice needs to be given**
- 4. To comply with wider HMRC guidance on customs requirements for exporting to the EU**

Please see below for detailed information, forms, links and email addresses for each of the above as well as an assortment of links to useful information sources at the end of this document:

To transport these products from the UK to the EU from 1st January 2021 you'll need:

1. An export health certificate, which you need to apply for in advance

You must include a completed export health certificate (EHC) for each type of animal or animal product you export from the UK to a non-EU country.

An EHC is a document authorised by an official vet that confirms your export meets the health requirements of the destination country.

If you're exporting a consignment which includes composite products where they are for human consumption only and contain a mix of processed products of animal origin or plant products used as a main ingredient such as, lasagnes, pork pies, cream liqueurs, chicken burritos you will then need an EHC for each product type.

If you export composite food products to the EU or want to check if your product counts as a composite food product then please [click here](#) for guidance.

You may also need an EHC for each country that you transit through (as well as an EHC for your final destination country).

You can apply for an EHC either online. [Get an EHC here](#) – or by email by downloading the relevant form [here](#) and emailing it to exports@apha.gov.uk

To transport these products from the UK to the EU from 1st January 2021 you'll need:

- 2. To get your goods checked at a border control post (BCP) that can accept your type of goods, in the first EU country you enter. BCPs were previously known as a border inspection posts(BIP) or designated point of entry (DPE).**

You must get your animals and animal products checked at an EU BCP, from 1 January 2021.

These checks are made to protect:

- animal health and welfare
- public health

Your goods may be refused entry, seized, destroyed or returned to the UK if they arrive at:

- an EU port without a BCP
- a BCP that can't check your type of product

Find the correct BCP for your goods

You must find a BCP that can accept your type of goods - as not all BCPs accept all goods. Consider how to redirect your trade route if needed.

There are more than 400 BCPs in the EU and they're usually at EU ports and airports.

Check the main list of BCPs on the EU site [here](#)

Give advance notice to a BCP

All EU BCPs require advance notice of goods arriving. Check with the BCP you're planning to use for how much notice is needed.

Contact your import agent in the EU to make sure they notify the BCP through the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES), (which is the online platform required for the importation of animal, animal products, food and feed of non-animal origin and plants into the EU) of the arrival of the consignment. They must do this within the time limits set out by the BCP.

What happens if your goods fail inspection at a BCP

If your goods fail inspection because of risks to animal or public health, they will be destroyed immediately. If the goods fail for other reasons, the BCP will:

- notify your importer or agent
- ask them to decide whether your goods should be destroyed or returned to the UK (at your cost)

The BCP will not usually contact the exporter directly. If you get permission to bring your goods back to the UK, you can do this using the same documents you used to export.

You'll also need to pre-notify the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) or Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) at SM-Defra-GBImports@apha.gov.uk that your goods are arriving by submitting an IV66 import notification form found [here \(IV66 form\)](#). You do not need to enter via a UK BCP and will not need to go through checks at the UK point of entry.

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If you're exporting live animals, meat or dairy, you can view flowcharts with the steps you need to take. [Exporting flowchart](#)

You'll also need to follow [new rules on identifying livestock](#), if you want to export sheep, cattle, goats and pigs at the BCP of the first EU country entered after 1 January 2021.

EU listing for exporters and suppliers

You'll need to be listed as an approved establishment with the EU if you do any of the following:

- export POAO including red or white meat, fish and fish products, or dairy and egg products - [Please read this guidance on how to get listed](#)
- export germplasm - [click here for relevant contacts](#) in the APHA Centre for International Trade to be listed
- export animal by-products - contact the ABP team on 03000 200 301 or CSCOneHealthABP@apha.gov.uk to be listed
- supply other UK establishments that export these goods to the EU. The European Commission has confirmed that the current list of UK animal by-product and germplasm premises which can be [viewed here](#)

Other export requirements

Before exporting, businesses must:

- [register here for an Economic Operator Register and Identification \(EORI\) number](#)
- be aware of potential EU trade tariff changes
- find out the commodity code for your goods [here](#)
- [choose the correct customs procedure code \(CPC\) for your goods here](#)
- check the wider HMRC guidance for exporters [here](#)

Other South West sources of information:

- [Devon & Plymouth Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Somerset Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Heart of the South West Growth Hub](#)

Other National sources of information:

- Department for International Trade (DIT) has a remit to work with UK businesses to support them in maximising opportunities in international markets: <https://www.great.gov.uk>
- The 'Open to Exports' website is a useful additional initial point of reference when looking to export to new markets: <http://opentoexport.com>
- The Foreign and Commonwealth Office: <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en>
- UK Export Certification Partnership (UKECP): <http://www.ukecp.com>
- Food and Drink Exporters Association: <http://www.ukfdea.com>
- Food and Drink Federation: <http://www.fdf.org.uk>

Acronyms:

BCP	Border Control Point
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs
EHC	Export Health Certificate
APHA	Animal and Plant Health Agency
TRACES	Trade Control and Export System
DAERA	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
IV66	Import notification form
POAO	Products of Animal Origin
ABP	Animal by Products

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[International Trade Matters Ltd](#)

[Devon and Plymouth Chamber](#)

[National Farmers Union](#)

International Courses are available to all South West businesses [here](#) you can receive full funding for all of these accredited international training courses. This funding is open to all businesses wishing to develop knowledge of international trade and customs declarations that are established in or have a branch in the UK.

You apply for the training grants for the courses by registering via the gov.uk website please [click here](#) alternatively please contact international-trade@devonchamber.co.uk to enquire.



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Links:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-an-export-health-certificate>

<https://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates>

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1563184991622&uri=CELEX:02009D0821-20190107>

https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/vet-border-control/bip_en

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/881492/form-IV66-es.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/901063/How_to_export_goods_from_GB_into_the_EU_from_January_2021.pdf

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-composite-food-products-to-the-eu-in-a-no-deal-brexite>

<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/listing-of-establishments-to-export-products-of-animal-origin-to-the-eu-or-northern-ireland>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#specialist-service-centres-ssc>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/animal-by-product-operating-plants-approved-premises>

<https://www.gov.uk/eori>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/finding-commodity-codes-for-imports-or-exports>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/identify-livestock-for-export-to-the-eu-in-a-no-deal-brexite>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-trade-tariff-customs-procedure-codes/customs-procedure-codes-box-37>

<https://www.gov.uk/check-duties-customs-exporting>

<https://www.devonchamber.co.uk/advice--support/>

<https://www.somerset-chamber.co.uk/business-support/international-trade/>

<https://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/start-grow-business/transition/>

<https://www.great.gov.uk>

<http://opentoexport.com>

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en>

<http://www.ukecp.com>

<http://www.ukfdea.com>

<http://www.fdf.org.uk>

<https://internationaltradematters.com/>

<https://www.devonchamber.co.uk/>

<https://www.nfuonline.com/>

<https://devonchamber.co.uk/international-trade-training-programme/>

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/grants-for-businesses-that-complete-customs-declarations?utm_source=be3350df-f49b-4a1e-a0a5-022aad5cb956&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate