



Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Trader Notice: ICOPS No. 1/2021

To: Importers of Horses, Horse Transporters

Subject: Re-entry of horses to Ireland after racing in GB

Introduction

In the days surrounding major racing festivals there are likely to be a significant increase in traffic of horses through DAFM's Live animal border control post (BCP) in Dublin and Rosslare Ports. **In order to avoid delays while importing your horses please take note the following points:**

- Since 1st January 2021, all horse imports from GB require a Health Certificate and a Common Health Entry Document (CHED).
- The steps you need to follow to ensure that passage through the Live Animal BCP proceeds quickly are:
 1. Provide advance notification of horse's arrival of 24hrs or more to the BCP
 2. Ensure all paperwork is completed and accurate
 3. Upload a good quality copies of health certificate to the INIS portal as soon as it is available
 4. Follow instructions of staff at the BCP
- Racehorses travelling to compete in GB and returning to Ireland within 30 days must be accompanied by a re-entry certificate issued by a UK Official veterinarian.
[Template of Certificate](#)
- You must provide 24 hours advance notification to the BCP of each animal import. Notification of import occurs when a CHED for a consignment is raised on the EU's trade control website- TRACES
- Importers will need to register on the EU you Trade Control and Expert System- TRACES. More information on TRACES and registrations can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/046a44-register-with-traces/>
- Please upload electronic copies of the health certificate related to each animal to the DAFM import portal [Imports Notification Inspection System (INIS)], this will facilitate checks in advance of arrival and speed up transit through the port.
Link to INIS portal: <https://publicapps.agriculture.gov.ie/inis-pub-ui/#/trade>
- Upload the electronic copy of each Health Certificate to the INIS portal as soon as it is available. Late submission of health certs may lead to delays on arrival at the BCP due to delayed documentary checks.



- Electronic copies of Health Certificates must be of good quality and legible. Poor quality scans/photos will not be accepted and may lead to delays in processing
- Transport arrangements, including scheduled time of arrival and registration of truck used need to be included on the CHED document.
- The vehicle registration details on each horse's CHEDs need to be correct. If an incorrect Reg is used on import documents this will cause significant delays.
- Where there are unavoidable changes in travel arrangements these must be notified in advance to the BCP and the corresponding CHED updated to avoid unnecessary delays in the BCP.
- Please note equines must be exported from GB to Ireland in accordance with Customs procedures. Please see <https://www.revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/brexit/index.aspx> for further information.

Note for Transporters Carrying Live Animals through Dublin Port

- Horse vehicles disembarking the ferries at the BCP need to use the **left-hand lane (Lane 1)** when entering the IUPT (Arrival terminal at Dublin Port) and will be directed by Customs Officials to the DAFM BCP in **Yard 2** (on the left side).
- At the entrance of Yard 2, drivers will be met by DAFM staff and traffic management personnel. Follow the directions of these personnel at all times while in Yard 2. Vehicles will be directed to allocated parking bays. Laden and unladen vehicles may be parked in different areas.
- On arrival at Yard 2, the driver needs to have ready:
 1. Each animal's animal health certificate.
 2. Each animal's passport.
 3. The PBN number
- Drivers must remain in their vehicles until called by DAFM personnel to begin the inspection.
- All drivers and assistants must wear face masks and maintain social distance when dealing with DAFM staff.
- Do not leave Yard 2 without authorisation from DAFM staff.
- Do not leave the Port until you have an "Exit the Port" Customs channel.

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