



TRADER NOTICE – IMPORTATION OF RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLES INTO IRELAND FROM THE UK AFTER THE TRANSITION PERIOD ENDS

Context-Brexit

The United Kingdom left the European Union on the 31 January 2020. A transition period will apply until at least 31 December 2020. During this period, EU rules will continue to apply to the UK and the UK will remain part of the EU's Single Market. After the end of the transition period the introduction of products of animal origin for research and diagnostic purposes from the UK will be prohibited unless authorised in advance by a licence issued by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. **The movement of samples for research and diagnostic purposes from Northern Ireland into the EU is regarded as an intra-EU movement.**

Requirements

- The responsible operator must register with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Animal By-Products Division. To register please email:
AnimalByProducts@agriculture.gov.ie.
- The responsible operator must apply for a VET15 import licence. To apply please email:
AnimalProductImports@agriculture.gov.ie.
- A VET15 import licence is not required for the importation of research and diagnostic samples from Northern Ireland.
- Research and diagnostic samples can only be imported through a designated point of entry, currently: Dublin Airport; and, Shannon Airport. Additional designations will be added for Dublin Port and Rosslare Port at the end of the transition period.
- The responsible operator must give 24 hours prior notification of the arrival of the consignment and submit a copy of the commercial document and VET 15 licence by emailing DAFM at the point of entry.
- Further detailed information is available at:
<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/importofanimalsandanimalproducts/researchanddiagnosticsamples/>.
- Further queries regarding the importation of research and diagnostic samples should be sent to
AnimalProductImports@agriculture.gov.ie.