

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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To: All operators of DAFM-approved meat establishments

Subject: Changes to UK SPS import controls and customs requirements for agri-food products imported from the EU

Changes to UK SPS Import Controls applicable from 1 January 2022

On the basis of the latest information available from UK authorities, the main changes taking place from 1 January 2022 are summarised below.

1. Direct exports to Great Britain - from Ireland and from other EU Member States - of Products of Animal Origin (POAO) for human consumption, including meat and meat products, must be pre-notified to the UK Government's Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS).

This notification must be submitted by the person responsible for the consignment/load (GB importer or an agent acting on their behalf), who must have a UK address and be registered on IPAFFS.

2. Landbridge (transit) movements of these agri-food goods across GB must also be pre-notified on IPAAFS. UK Authorities have stated that, as a temporary derogation that will apply for the period 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022, the IE/EU exporter of these goods can complete this pre-notification on the IPAFFS system. However, from 1 July 2022, a UK-based person responsible for the load, and acting on behalf of the IE/EU-based exporter, must pre-notify the movement of these goods across the GB landbridge on IPAFFS.
3. For landbridge (transit) movements, UK authorities must also be notified that the goods have exited UK jurisdiction, by means of an e-mail to a dedicated UK Government e-mail address. Detailed information regarding this landbridge exit notification process is due to be issued by the UK authorities shortly.
4. IPAFFS pre-notifications can be submitted up to 4 hours in advance of the goods arriving in GB.

As a result of these changes, it is vital that Irish exporters to GB examine their supply chains to ensure that they have identified who will make the required pre-notification to UK authorities from 1 January 2022.

There are three principal steps the UK-based person responsible for the load/importer/UK-based agent will need to take to pre-notify on IPAFFS:

- create a UK Government Gateway Account;
- create and attach a DEFRA account for their business; &
- register their business for IPAFFS.

The pre-notification on IPAFFS from 1 January 2022 requires the following information.

(Note: these requirements are determined by the UK authorities and may be subject to change).

- Details of the importer/person responsible for the load (this will be auto populated from the login details).
- Description of the goods including commodity codes, description, species, weight, arrival time, purpose of movement.
- Accompanying documents, if required: Export Health Certificate, invoices etc, document number and date of issue.
- Addresses: place of origin, importer, place of destination.
- Port of entry.
- Transits will also require details of the port of exit and the exit date.

More detailed guidance on the UK's SPS controls on EU imports is available from the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website.

Further notices will issue in relation to the UK import controls coming into effect later next year.

Changes to Customs Requirements

From 1 January 2022, staged customs controls will end for goods imported from the EU.

All consignments must be accompanied by a **full** custom import declaration, submitted before the goods arrive at the EU point of departure. Vehicles will not be allowed to board ferries in Ireland unless the Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) requirements are met.

For more information on customs requirements from 1 January 2022 please refer to [Revenue here](https://www.revenue.ie/en/for-business/transition/) and also [gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition).

Share your notification reference with your customs agent

For exports of agri-food products the importer is required to share the IPAFFS' notification reference number ([IMP.GB](https://www.imp.gb). 202X.XXXXXXX) with their customs agent. The customs agent must enter this number to submit the import declaration. Failure to notify and provide this information will delay your custom agent's ability to complete the declaration and could therefore delay the departure of your consignment.

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