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# Exporting Live Animals from Great Britain to the European Union

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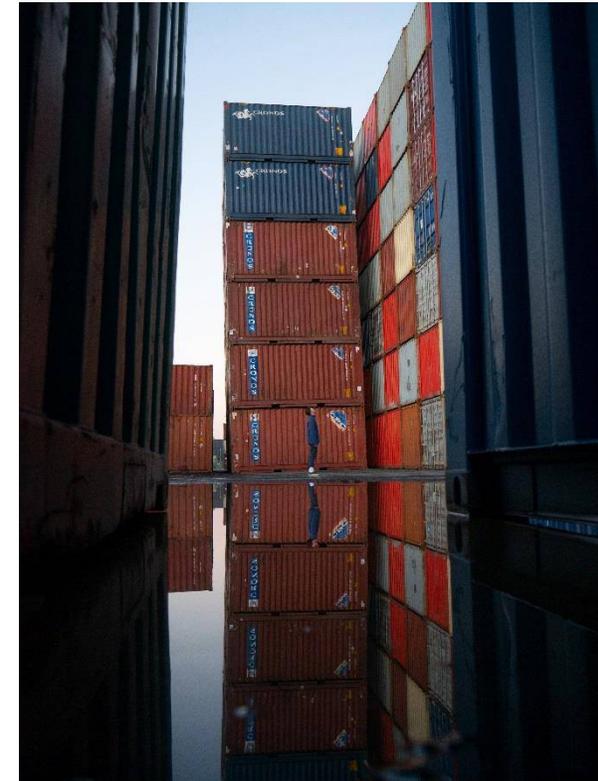
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# Changes for GB Exports

- The UK has left the EU and the transition period will end on 31 December 2020.
- As we transition to our new relationship, our new start will involve a series of changes and opportunities for businesses
- The UK will be leaving the EU single market and customs union at the end of the year. The transition period will not be extended – this is written into our laws
- There will be changes to the process for exporting goods regardless of the agreement we reach with the EU on the shape of our future relationship
- We have been working with exporters, authorities and the veterinary sector to ensure the export of animals can continue at the end of the transition period
- We are working to understand the requirements for continued trade from GB to EU from 2021 ensuring that industry is engaged, and businesses are prepared
- The following information highlights the steps that exporters need to undertake to ensure the smooth continuation of exports into the EU



# Third Country Listing

- A "third country" refers to any country outside the EU, and its economic structures
- Businesses in a third country have to fill in customs declarations - whether there is a trade agreement or not
- The EU has a formal list of third countries that are approved for imports
- It's mainly about sanitary and phytosanitary measures and making sure they meet the basic standard for sale in the single market
- To continue selling or moving live animals into the EU after 31 December, we will need a third country listing
- We are applying for third country listing for a range of commodities
- Our application will be voted upon by EU in December
- We are confident of being listed, having done so on two previous occasions



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Step 1

# Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI)

- A unique ID code for businesses issued by HMRC
- Required to move goods between UK and EU
- EORI number **must** start with 'GB' followed by a 12-digit number
- Apply online at: <https://www.gov.uk/eori>
- Can take up to 5 working days
- No EORI number displayed could mean your goods being held by customs
- EORI number required for sea, land or air freight



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## Border Control Posts (BCPs)

- Are designated and approved inspection posts at a European Union border that carry out checks on animals and animal products arriving from third countries
- To export goods from GB to EU you need to enter through a border control post that is designated for and can check and process your types of goods
- A list of EU BCPs can be found on the [European Commission website](#). This list will likely be updated prior to the end of the Transition Period.
- Check if the intended BCP can process your goods and how much notice prior to arrival the BCP requires



# Live Animals Identification Documents

- There are new rules on identifying livestock, if you want to export or move [pigs](#), [cattle](#) or [sheep and goats](#) to the EU after 1 January 2021
- Live animals need different ID requirements which already apply for different live stock species
  - e.g. cattle require ear-tags and sheep and goats may have electronic microchips
- To enter the EU, each live animal must have with them their ID
- Detailed species specific guidance can be found on GOV.UK  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>



# Live Animals Pre-Export Requirements

- For different species of animals, conditions for export as outlined in the EHCs, may require a lead-in time to be met
  - for example equines require a successful blood test
- Exporters should consider whether their animals satisfy these requirements early, and take any actions required to do so.
- Zoo technics: if you are moving your live animal as a purebred breeding animal, you must also meet the zoo technical rules and standards for trade
  - Pre-requisites will include ensuring that your animal is registered under an EU-recognised breed society for breeding animals, or a breeding operation for hybrid breeding pigs
- Further details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>



Step 5

# Export Health Certificate

- An official document confirming your goods meet the health requirements of the EU
- An Export Health Certificate ( EHC) is required for each consignment of animals you export
- A hard copy of the final EHC travels with your goods – therefore you need a fully certified EHC before they leave your premises
- The EHC will be checked when your goods arrive into the EU
- There are over 120 EHCs for exports to the EU each setting out the specific EU health requirements. Each EHC has guidance notes
- To see an EU EHC and guidance notes before January go to [EHC Form Finder on GOV.UK](#)

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Step 5

# Certifying Export Health Certificate

- Goods need to be certified by an approved certifying officer before you can export them to the EU
- There are two main types of certifying officer in Great Britain
  - Official Veterinarians (OVs) are qualified vets who hold additional qualifications to inspect and certify EHCs
  - Food Competent Certifying Officers (FCCOs) who are generally environmental health officers or Food Safety Officers based in Local Authorities
- Live animals have to be certified by Official Veterinarians (OVs)



# Certification of EHC

- You need to locate and secure the services of a certifying officer before you apply for an EHC
- A Certifying Officer will need inspect your animals and will issue the EHC only if the export meets all requirements. The completed certified EHC then travels with your consignment
- You need to ensure that you certifying officer is qualified to inspect your product
- The certifying officer or certification services will charge for the inspection and issuing the EHC.
- The EHC itself is free



Step 6

## Applying for EHC

- EU EHCs can only be applied for via the online application system on GOV.UK (known as EHCO or EHC Online)
- Both the exporter and the certifying officer(s) need to be registered for EHC online before an EHC application can be progressed
- The EHC Online service allows exporters to apply for, manage and keep up-to-date on the progress of their applications at each stage of the process

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Step 6

# EHC Online Registration

- Exporters need to register for EHC Online
- Registration opened 8 October 2020 at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)
- A Government Gateway account and a Defra account are required
- For in-depth information EHC and EHC Online join one of the webinars being held during [October and November](#)

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Step 7

# EHC Online Application

- Exporter selects the appropriate EHC, start and complete the application before it goes to the certifying officer for review and certification of the goods
- You can apply for and have a certified EHC up to seven working days before export date
- You will need to collect the certified EHC and send it with your consignment
- EHCs can be printed off on standard office paper
- EHC will be automatically translated into the required languages
- Plan your route to get an inspection at an [EU BCP that can accept your type of goods](#).
- An export without the correct EHC will be rejected at the border control posts



## EU-Based Importer

- EU-based Importer is the person who is legally receiving your goods in the EU (although they may not be the place of destination)
- Goods needs to be checked at a Border Control Post (BCP)
- All BCPs require advance notice of goods arriving – check with the BCP how much notice needs to be given
- Exporter sends a copy of the certified EHC to the Import Agent
- Your Import agent must submit to the BCP pre-notification of the goods arriving through TRACES by making an importers declaration (CHED)
- A customs declaration must be completed
- If goods fail inspection due to risks to animal or public health then the BCP will discuss with the importer
- The importer has to carry the costs



## Transportation – Live Animals

- UK issued Transporter Authorisations, Certificates of Competence, Vehicle Approval Certificates and Journey Logs will no longer be valid for use in the EU from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- UK transporters wishing to transport live animals into the EU after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 will need to make the relevant applications to an EU Member State where they have representation to obtain an EU issued Transporter Authorisation.
- You will need to obtain Certificates of Competence and Vehicle Approval Certificates issued in an EU Member State to apply for an EU Transporter Authorisation
- Where applicable you will need to apply for an EU issued Journey Log from the EU Member State of arrival in the EU in addition to a Journey Log issued by APHA
- For further information visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)



# Transportation

- Responsibility for customs border formalities rests with traders
- Goods will not be able to move across EU borders without the correct documentation
- From January 2021 an arrived declaration must be submitted to customs before goods have left the trader's premises
- The declarant will receive 'Permission to Progress' (P2P)
- Hauliers will need to carry evidence that a declaration has been made.
- If a physical check is required, the haulier or declarant will be instructed to move to a specified location for a check
- This is different for Dover – Calais route [see guidance](#).



# Transportation

- Haulier must ensure the driver has all necessary customs documentation and other paperwork which must be carried in the vehicle for the duration of the journey
- All exports will require a Safety and Security (S&S) declaration from January 2021
- Transporters requirements
  - will need to get the right operator licence - [standard international operator licence](#) but there may be other licences
  - may need an ECMT or other additional permits
- Further guidance [GOV.UK](#)



# Customs Declarations

- From 1 January 2021 exporters have to:
  - submit export customs declarations for all goods
  - submit safety and security information either via a combined export declaration or a standalone Exit Summary Declaration
- You can make the custom declarations yourself or hire someone else to do this for you
- Customs processes are complicated, require specific training and software so most businesses use customs intermediaries to complete customs processes for them
- Provide all the necessary information your customs intermediary asks for so they can complete the export declaration

- Customs clearance process videos

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-and-support-if-your-business-trades-with-the-eu>

# Tariffs

- You may need to pay tariffs to export goods to the EU.
- Goods require a commodity code - use the [UK Trade Tariff tool](#) to find the correct commodity code
- From 1 January 2021, you can charge customers VAT at 0% (as on most goods you export to the EU)
- Further details on exporting can be found on [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/901063/How to export goods from GB into the E U from January 2021.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)



# Useful Links

| Description                            | Useful Link   |
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| Traders mailbox                        | <a href="mailto:traders@defra.gov.uk">traders@defra.gov.uk</a>  |
| Export health certificates             | <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-an-export-health-certificate">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-an-export-health-certificate</a>   |
| GOV.UK Form Finder                     | <a href="http://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates">www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates</a>  |
| EHC Webinars                           | <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/webinars-for-exporters-of-animals-and-products-of-animal-origin-to-the-eu">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/webinars-for-exporters-of-animals-and-products-of-animal-origin-to-the-eu</a>   |
| GOV.UK transition                      | <a href="https://www.gov.uk/transition">https://www.gov.uk/transition</a>   |
| EORI                                   | <a href="https://www.gov.uk/eori">https://www.gov.uk/eori</a>   |
| GOV.UK Exporting Live Animals Guidance | <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021</a>   |
| GOV.UK Zootechnical guidance           | <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lists-of-recognised-animal-breeding-organisations/guide-to-zootechnical-rules-and-standards">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lists-of-recognised-animal-breeding-organisations/guide-to-zootechnical-rules-and-standards</a> |
| Border Control Posts                   | <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/vet-border-control/bip-contacts_en">https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/vet-border-control/bip-contacts_en</a>   |
| Tariffs<br>Customs videos              | <a href="#">UK Trade Tariff tool</a><br><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-and-support-if-your-business-trades-with-the-eu">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-and-support-if-your-business-trades-with-the-eu</a>   |



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