



Guidance on bringing Products of Animal Origin, Animal By-Products & Germplasm from GB to NI

From 1 January 2021, there will be new procedures to follow when moving consignments of product of animal origin (POAO) , animal by-products (ABPs) and germplasm from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

Alternative arrangements will apply to the movement of retail goods by authorised traders.

Before moving goods the person responsible for the consignments must:

- Ensure that they are registered on **TRACES-NT** (the EU's Trade Control and Expert System).
- Check that the goods are health-marked as required for export to the EU.
- Obtain copies of export health certificates (EHCs) for all consignments after they have been signed by officials in Great Britain.
- At least 24 hours before arrival, create Common Health Entry Documents (CHEDs) on **TRACES NT** uploading scanned copies in colour of the EHCs and any supporting documents such as catch certificates, organic certificates of inspection and marketing standards certificates of conformity. This will pre-notify DAERA of the arrival of the consignments. **Please note:** the document(s) may be too large to be sent as one file. DAERA will therefore accept them if sent in two parts.
- Ensure that all consignments are identified with an official tamperproof seal applied to the transport and that this seal number is recorded on the EHCs and CHEDs.

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Note:

- DAERA-authorized officials will carry out documentary, identity (seal) and physical health checks of consignments before goods can be cleared to leave the NI port.
- In the GB departure ports seal checks will be carried out by DAERA-authorized staff who will advise if the vehicle will require a physical inspection on arrival in Northern Ireland.
- DAERA will advise operators if a documentary or identity check is deemed unsatisfactory.

On arrival in Northern Ireland:

- Where goods require physical inspection the driver must follow signs to the inspection facilities on disembarkation.
- Vehicles which have not been selected for physical inspection will have completed the necessary health checks.
- In Warrenpoint if unaccompanied goods require physical inspection operators should email DAERA on WarrenpointSPS@daera-ni.gov.uk to arrange a time for this to be carried out.
- Goods which arrive in Northern Ireland but cannot be cleared due to non-compliance with import requirements will be subject to enforcement procedures. The consignments will not be permitted to enter Northern Ireland.

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