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Border Target Operating Model 30 April Milestone

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Border Target Operating Model



KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BTOM

- 1** A new global risk-based approach  Pre-notification
- 2** Simplified and digitised health certificates  Health Certification
- 3** Trusted Trader Schemes  Identity and Physical Checks



Summary of import controls



FROM 31 Jan 2024

FROM 30 April 2024

LOW RISK GOODS

Pre-notification (except low-risk plant and plant products)
No certification

Must enter GB via BCP or Control Point
No routine checks

MEDIUM RISK GOODS

Pre-notification
Health certification (EHC/PC)

Must enter GB via BCP or Control Point
% checked at a BCP or CP

HIGH RISK GOODS

Pre-notification
Health certification (EHC/PC)

Must enter GB via BCP or Control Point
100% checks at BCP or CP

30 April Milestone



Medium-risk animal products and HRFNAO: 100% documentary checks and risk based identity and physical checks to take place at GB Border Control Posts (BCPs) for EU & EFTA exports to GB 1-30% ID and physical checks



Medium-risk plants and plant products: Risk-based documentary, physical and ID checks to take place at GB BCPs and Control Points for EU/EFTA (+ Liechtenstein and Switzerland) exports to GB.



Inspections of **high-risk plants and plant products** will move from destination to BCPs or Control Points for EU (+ Liechtenstein and Switzerland) goods.

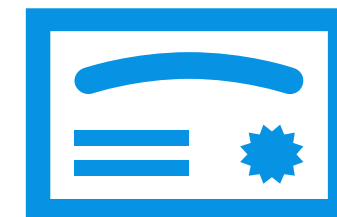


Once border checks are introduced consignments will be subject to two types of charge:

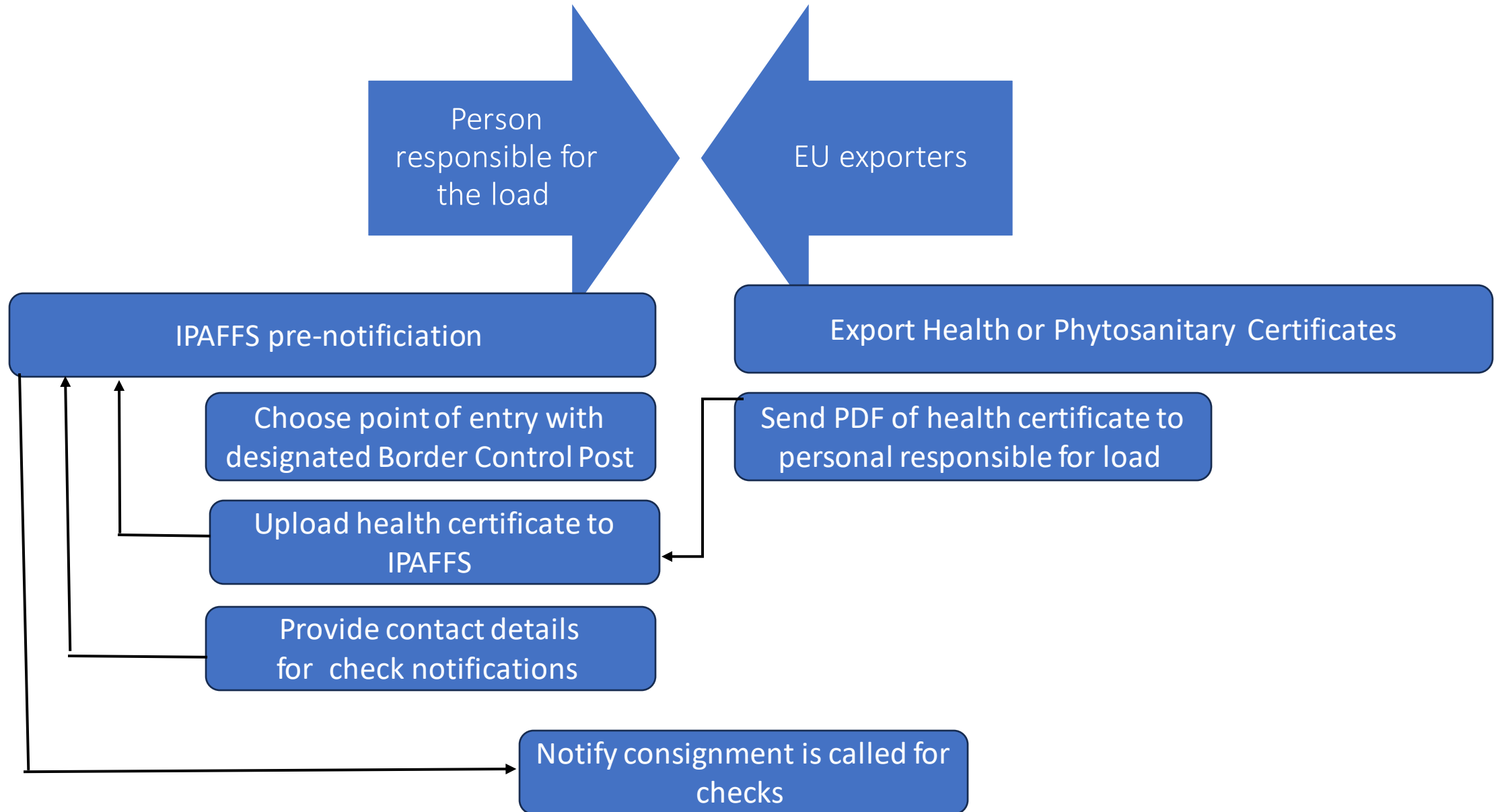
- Port Health Authority/Animal Plant Health Agency charge
- Those levied by the Border Control Post



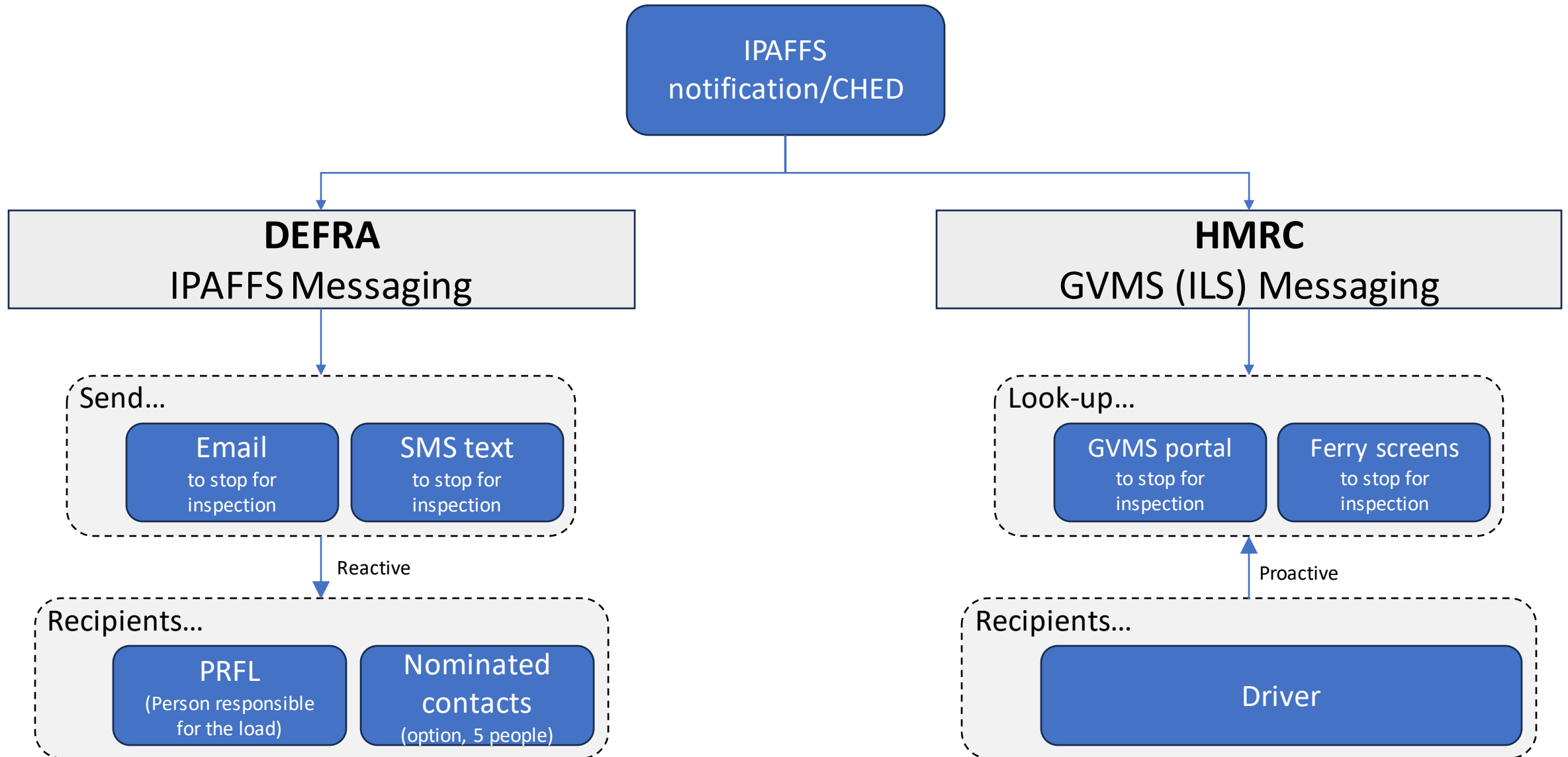
Trusted Trader Scheme pilots for medium risk animal products focussed on Checks Away from the Border commence (plants Q2 2024 TBC)



Inspections: Flow of information



Inspection Messaging Service



Border control posts



A Border Control Post (BCP) is an inspection post designated and approved in line with GB legislation for carrying out checks on animals and animal products and plants and plant products arriving from third countries at the GB border. **BCPs designated for specific products and temperature requirements have staff trained in handling these products.**

[Live animals, animal products and food and feed of non-animal origin border control posts](#)

[Plants and plant products border control posts](#)

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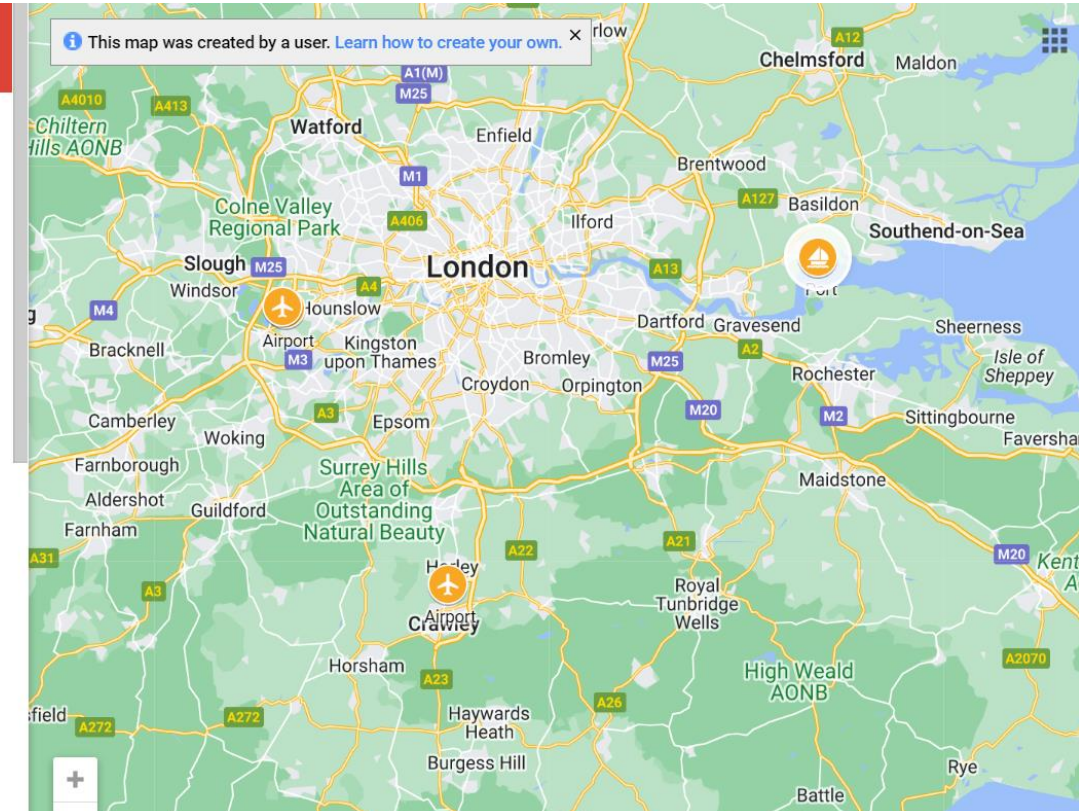
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Types of checks



- **Documentary check** – a check that document requirements have been met (for example, where a health certificate is required) and any documents provided about the consignment are consistent with the import notification. This check will often be conducted remotely, ahead of arrival to the BCP.
- **Identity check** – a check that the commodities' identification marks, stamps and other necessary product and or package information conform to the declaration on the health certificate/documentation.
- **Physical check** – a check where the inspector physically examines the product. It may include sampling the product to look for pathogenic micro-organisms or illegal contaminants such as veterinary drugs residues or heavy metals.
- **Transits checks** – some consignments in transit through GB or using GB as a land bridge may require official seals to be checked on entry to GB.

After the checks



- After checks have been completed, the results will be recorded on the import notification.
- If the consignment is compliant with the SPS controls applied and has customs clearance, it is free to continue to the destination.
- If the consignment is found to be non-compliant, the PHA will contact person responsible for load with information about required action
 - remedial action
 - use of the consignment for another purpose in some permitted cases
 - re-export
 - destruction

Landbridge transits: low risk



For EU/EFTA goods

- Pre-notification on IPAFFS
- Will need to enter and exit via point of entry with a designated BCP
- Commercial documents
- No health certificates/ routine checks required.
- May be subject to non-routine/intelligence-led checks



Landbridge transits: medium risk



For EU/EFTA goods

- Pre-notification on IPAFFS including upload of an Export Health Certificate
- Goods will need to enter and exit via port with a BCP designated to check them
- All consignments must be sealed
- 100% documentary checks and ID (seal) checks on entry or (integrity of seal) on exit by PHAs will begin.
- Checks will be risk-based and align with those applied to imports into GB.



Groupage



Relaxed official sealing requirements for groupage (animal products): Official seal requirements for groupage export to Great Britain are now specific only to small number of commodities specified by the Export Health Certificates (EHC) notes, moving away from the previous blanket approach for all animal products.



Transporting Groupage Loads: Businesses have greater flexibility in transporting and differentiating consignments within groupage, with recommendations for clear labelling and planned loading to aid border inspections.



Eliminating 'Either/Or' Sections in Health Certificates: Individual EHCs can now cover multiple same-type animal products, allowing commercial grouping of multiple consignments within a same means of transport.



Using Schedules for Additional Details: Supports importation of wider range of same-type products under the same EHC, and particularly useful for exports from Great Britain.



Pre-Notification and Import Declaration: The term "groupage" can be used on EHC when final transport details are unknown, allowing more time for pre-arrival logistics. However, accurate details must be provided in the IPAFFS import declaration before arrival in GB.

The island of Ireland



- Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods (QNIGs) will continue to have unfettered market access, whether they are moved directly from NI to GB, or indirectly via Ireland. They can enter GB via any point of entry (POE).
- From 30 April, non-Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods (non-QNIGs) and other goods arriving in Great Britain from Ireland will under-go risk-based document checks with full controls **not commencing earlier than 31 October 2024.**
- We continue to work with the devolved governments across the UK to agree an implementation date for physical and identity checks at West Coast BCPs. As soon as we have a firm date, we will communicate this collaboratively, ensuring that traders have sufficient time to prepare.
- We are proposing that from 30 April, non-QNIGs and other goods arriving in Great Britain from the island of Ireland should arrive via a point of entry with a suitably designated BCP, or a small number of exempt points of entry where a BCP is planned. Further details will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Landbridge transits: transiting GB from Ireland



Requirements for certification and pre-notification will apply to EU and non-qualifying Northern Ireland Goods transiting from Ireland through GB to the EU, although the timelines for commencing checks at BCPs will be slightly different.



For medium-risk animal products using GB as a land bridge:

- No ID or physical checks on goods arriving at GB directly from the island of Ireland until 31 October 2024 at the earliest.
- This means from the 30 April 2024 until this date is determined:
 - There will be no entry seal checks when EU and non-qualifying Northern Ireland goods leave the island of Ireland and enter via GB points of entry to transit to the EU.
 - There will be no exit seal checks when EU goods transit GB and use GB ports to move to the island of Ireland.



MEDIUM-RISK ANIMAL PRODUCTS

- ATTS has been designed with a modular framework which will provide businesses **with flexibility** and **choice** in how they engage with the trusted trader offering.
- Each module will be piloted as a first step to determine if the module will be included as part of the scheme indefinitely.
- **Certification Logistics Pilot (CLP)** - live as of 31/1/2024, it simplifies the certification process for certain packaged products moving from a consolidation hub in the European Union (EU) to Great Britain. This is intended to reduce the burden on certifying veterinarian resource. Applies to EU/EFTA origin goods only.
- **Checks Away from the Border (CAB)** - pilot commencing April 2024. Initially the pilot will be dual-run with BTOM requirements for ID and Physical checks on medium-risk animal products until legislation facilitating CAB is in place and we are confident of the biosecurity assurance that CAB provides.
- **Journey Assurance Module (JAM)** - aims to use supply chain data and other technology-enabled data to determine whether journey assurance evidence can be utilised as part of sanitary controls to provide benefits for trusted traders. We are at an early stage in our planning. Further details about JAM are TBC and will follow a co-design process with business.

We continue to engage with EU Commission, Member States and Industry

Activity

- Industry roundtables
- Cabinet Office oversea visits
- Technical webinars
- Guides and leaflets published
- CEO level supermarket sessions
- Countdown emails to traders
- Port visits
- Regular gov.uk updates



Discussion

- Questions
- 31 Jan feedback
- BTOM engagement
- Trader readiness





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**Further resources and
engagement**



Further resources and engagement



Business Readiness Forum (BRF)

- Fortnightly opportunity for GB, EU and EFTA stakeholders to receive updates on specific biosecurity, borders and trade related, cross-cutting and operational issues.
- It offers a chance to listen in on teach-ins from the programme and to raise questions.
- For more information and joining details please email: BBTP-BusinessReadinessForum@defra.gov.uk.



Eventbrite BTOM SPS Controls webinars

- Look out for more webinars on Eventbrite to guide you through the 30 April milestones
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/the-btom-what-are-the-sps-border-controls-2144279>

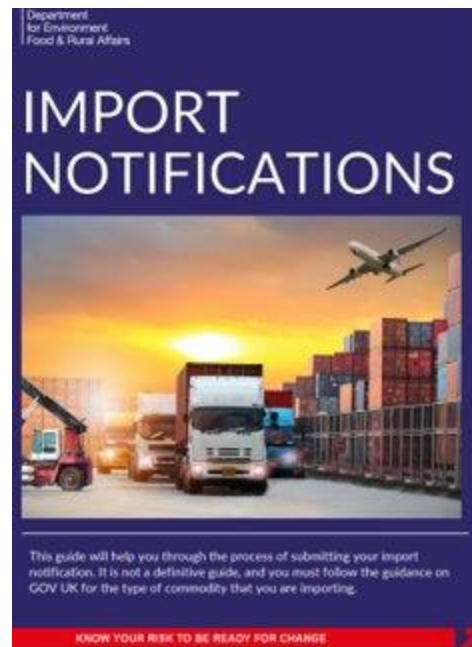
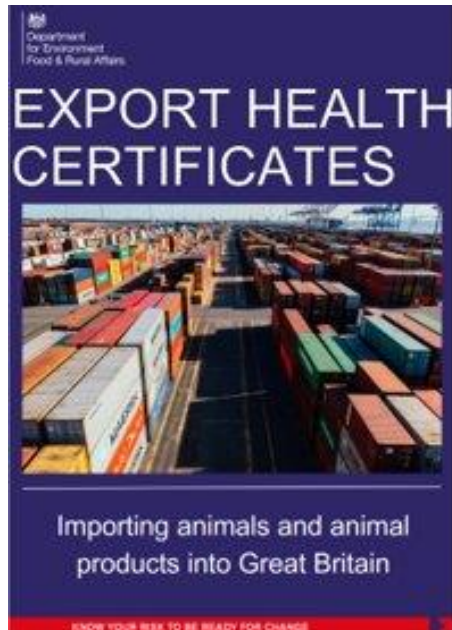


DEFRA Business Leaflets and video guides on GOV.UK



Download them now from **GOV.UK** or follow the link here

[Border Target Operating Model: information leaflets for businesses - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guides/border-target-operating-model-information-leaflets-for-businesses)



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- Find previous recordings of training sessions on the APHA YouTube

KNOW YOUR RISK TO BE READY FOR CHANGE



Risk categories



Step 1. Find out the commodity code of your product

Trade Tariff: look up commodity codes, duty and VAT rates

Use this service to find a commodity code for goods you're importing to or exporting from the UK.

You can also use the service to:

- check if there's duty or VAT to pay
- find out about suspensions or reductions

You'll need a commodity code when you fill in a customs declaration form, so you pay the correct amount of tax and duties.

[Start now >](#)

[Trade Tariff: look up commodity codes, duty and VAT rates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Step 2. Check the risk category of your product on gov.uk

All Risk Categories (EU/Non-EU – All Commodity Types)

[Import risk categories for animals, animal products, plants and plant products - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Plant and Plant Products Risk Categories for EU Countries

[TOM risk categorisations - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](#)

Animals and Animal Products Risk Categories for EU Countries


[Check import risk categories and related rules for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain, from 31 January 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Animals and Animal Products Risk Categories for EU Countries: Searchable List with Commodity Codes


[Import risk categories for animal and animal product imports from the EU to Great Britain: searchable list with commodity codes](#)


Health Certification for Animal Products

From 31 January 2024

 GB authorities encourage the use of a **digitally signed and verifiable GB export health certificate** (EHC) in place of the paper version of the certificate. We will accept verifiable PDF certificates from TRACES and [other EU/EFTA MS systems listed on GOV UK](#).

Steps to take for the Exporter

 must create the EHC in the system, ensure it has been digitally signed by the competent authority in the exporting country and download the EHC as a PDF format document.

 needs to send the PDF to the person submitting the import notification so that it can be attached to the notification.

Where a verifiable PDF certificate cannot be provided by the EU or EFTA country exporting the goods, and a paper copy is used, a scanned copy must be uploaded to IPAFFS and the competent authority must send the original paper certificate to accompany the consignment.


Health Certification for Plant Products



A phytosanitary certificate is a **certificate** from an exporting country's **competent authority (CA)** that shows the plants or plant products has been **officially inspected and meets the import phytosanitary requirements for entry into GB**. We are currently in the process of rolling out of ePhyto for EU MS.

Steps to take for Exporters




Step 1: Clarify CA Process

 Each CA has different requirements for how to obtain a PC so you will need to check your country's process.

You can find out who your CA is by visiting the IPPC website (International Plant Protection Convention) - [Countries - International Plant Protection Convention \(ippc.int\)](#)

Step 2: Getting the PC signed by CA

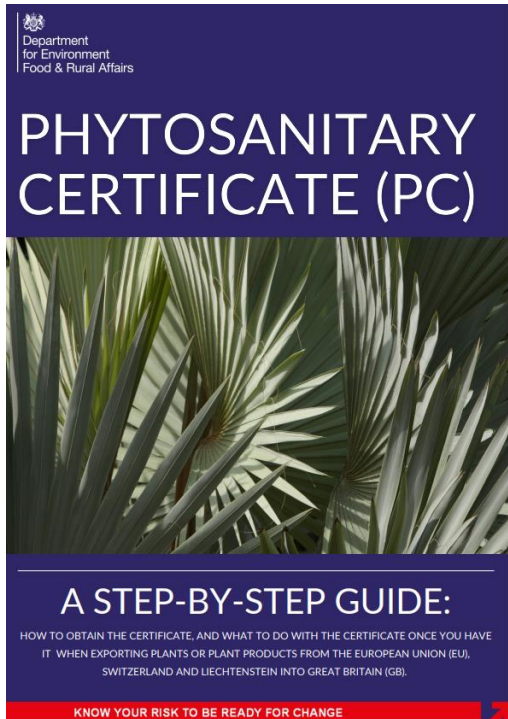
The CA will sign the PC if:

-  has been officially inspected
-  Meets import requirements for entry into GB
-  Free from pests and diseases

Additional Support for Traders

Plant Products

Phytosanitary Certificate Leaflet



This leaflet is for businesses that export plants and plant products from the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland to Great Britain.

It explains:

- what a phytosanitary certificate is
- how to get one
- what you need to do with it

Guidance on gov.uk

[Import plants and plant products from the EU to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-plants-and-plant-products-from-the-eu-to-great-britain)

BTOM Plants Q/A

[TOM online session recordings and Questions and Answers \(Q&A\) - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/plant-health/tom-online-session-recordings-and-questions-and-answers-q-a)

[PC leaflet \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Import Notifications



The person responsible for the load in GB:



will need to continue pre-notifying Great Britain via Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS) for:

- all live animals
- all germinal products
- all animal products
- high risk food and feed not of animal origin (HRFNAO)
- medium and high-risk plants and plant products

An import notification must be made by the person responsible for the consignment to the authorities one working day before the expected arrival of the goods.

An import notification can be made up to 30 days before arrival.

STEP 1: Register on IPAFFS

GOV.UK

Home > Environment > Wildlife, animals, biodiversity and ecosystems > Animal welfare

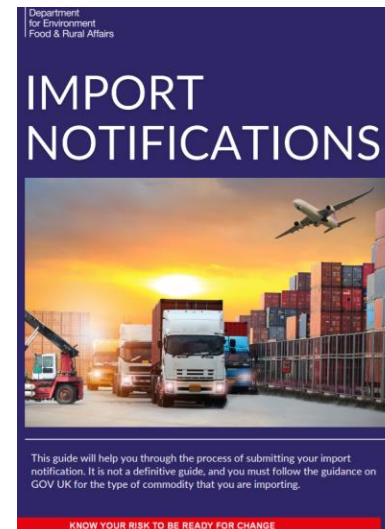
Guidance

Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS)

Use IPAFFS to notify enforcement authorities about imports to Great Britain.

[Import of products, animals, food and feed system \(IPAFFS\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system-ipaffs)
(www.gov.uk)

STEP 2: Complete pre-notification



The person responsible for the load in GB can use the Import Notification Leaflet to support them with this process

[Import Notification Guide 22/12 - index Ireland](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/imports/notifications/22-12-index-ireland)
(publishing.service.gov.uk)

Additional support for traders



Online training sessions



[The BTOM: What are the SPS Border Controls? | Eventbrite](#)



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Border Control Post Leaflet

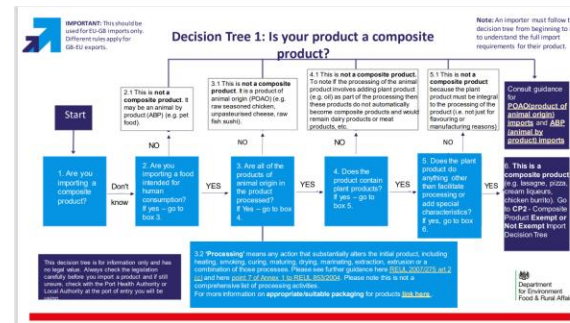
[BCP leaflet version 3 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



This document is for businesses that import plants and plant products to Great Britain. It explains what happens when your goods are checked at a border control post.

Composite Product Decision Tree

[Defra Composite-Products-Decision-Trees-Leaflet.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



These decision trees are for businesses that import food from the EU to Great Britain. They help you check whether your product is:

- a composite food product
- subject to official controls at a border control post



IUU Documentation



- The UK's **Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing requirements** came into effect for EU imports from January 2021, to help combat IUU fishing.
- **IUU fishing documentation** (catch certificates, processing statements and evidence of storage) must be sent in advance, for all relevant imports, to the Port Health Authority (PHA).
- **These will need to be uploaded to IPAFFs from 30 April 2024.** IUU documentation may also need to be uploaded to the Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS), for PHAs and LAs who operate this system.
- Please contact the PHA to find out **how far in advance you need to send the documents.** The minimum timings set in the legislation are 72 hours in advance for imports by sea, 4 hours by rail or air and 2 hours by road.
- **IUU risk-based checks are separate to SPS inspections.**

Additional support for traders



! All leaflets and trader guidance in one place.

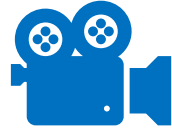
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Interactive Border Control Post Maps

[Live animals, animal products and food and feed of non-animal origin border control posts \(BCP\) in the UK - Google My Maps](https://www.google.com/maps)

[BCP Locations and Map - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://defra.gov.uk)



Recordings of useful webinars



[BTOM: What does this mean for the horticultural sector? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6) WellHeater - UK - V6 (youtube.com)



[BTOM: What does this mean for the fresh produce sector? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[BTOM: What does this mean for the meat and poultry sector? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[BTOM: What does this mean for the dairy sectors? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[BTOM: What does this mean for the animal by-products sector? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[BTOM: What does this mean for live animal sectors? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[BTOM: Authorised Operator Status \(AOS\) proposal \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[Importing Plants and Plant Products to GB through a Border Control Post \(BCP\) \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[BTOM: Prepare for the upcoming plant health import controls from January 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[BTOM: Prepare for changes to border checks from 30 April 2024 for import of plants & plant products \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)



[Border Target Operating Model \(BTOM\): Get ready for 30th April Import Controls: Animal Products \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)