



Guidance on Bringing Live Animals and Fish to NI from GB

From 1 January 2021, there will be new procedures to follow when moving live animals from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

Advice on the movement of domestic pets is available [here](#). The procedure below must be followed for all other live animals.

Before moving live animals the person responsible for the movement must:

- Ensure they are registered on **TRACES NT** (the EU's Trade Control and Expert System).
- At least 10 days before arrival apply to DAERA tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk if a specific import licence is required. (Currently only necessary for Sheep and Pigs for Breeding and Production).
- Check that the animals are tagged/identified as would be required for export to the EU.
- Obtain copies of export health certificates (EHCs) after they are signed by an official in Great Britain, e.g. a PDF scan in color.
- At least 24 hours before arrival, create a Common Health Entry Document for Live animals (CHED A) on **TRACES NT** uploading the colour-scanned digital EHC and all supporting documents including those for welfare during transport. This will pre-notify DAERA of the arrival of the consignment. **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.

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Note:

- Horses travelling to GB for racing/competition and returning home must present for inspection in Larne/Belfast before leaving NI. A certificate will be issued to enable a GB vet to certify the EHC for the return journey.
- Livestock can only enter Northern Ireland by the sea route to Larne Port. All other live animals can enter through either Larne or Belfast ports.
- Rodents and lagomorphs intended for laboratory research and commercial movements of pet rodents may travel with commercial documents without EHCs or pre-notification.

On arrival in Northern Ireland the driver must:

- Follow the signs to the live animal inspection facility.
- Present the consignment for inspection with hard copies of all relevant documentation.
- Assist inspectors to unload and handle animals as requested.
- If the outcome of documentary, identity and physical inspection is satisfactory the consignment will be permitted to enter Northern Ireland.

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