

## Aquaculture – Movement of live fish – Northern Ireland consignee checklist

The **Northern Ireland consignee (person responsible for the consignment in NI)**, must **follow the below steps** in order to successfully move live fish / ornamental fish / live shellfish / trout eggs, from GB to NI or Rest of the World (RoW) to NI via GB:

You must first receive a digital copy (e.g. a colour-copy PDF scan) of the [Export Health Certificate \(EHC\)](#) and supporting documentation associated with the consignment from your GB supplier:

- The [Export Health Certificate](#) (EHC) will have been provided to the GB supplier by the **Competent Authority in GB** (Marine Scotland or CEFAS). If your supplier is a GB consolidator and the consignment originates from outside GB (i.e. RoW), the EHC will be provided by the **Competent Authority in the RoW country of origin**.
- There is also the option for NI businesses to import live fish from RoW countries via GB without using the services of a GB consolidator. For all RoW imports of live fish to NI via GB please contact email [fish.health@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:fish.health@daera-ni.gov.uk) for further information.

*\*The EHC will be needed for your next step: 'Pre-Notification'*

### Pre-notification

- **You must [pre-notify](#)** the Northern Ireland Point of Entry (POE). *(NB: You can only import live fish through Larne Port or Belfast Port).*
- Pre-notification must be done **[a minimum 24 hours in advance](#)** of the arrival of the consignment.
- Pre-notification is done online through the **[TRACES-NT](#)** (Trade Control and Expert System New Technology) system.

- Your registration must be approved before you can use TRACES-NT. Therefore, if you are not already registered, you need to **register now** as an **“operator”** and a **“business user”**. Guidance for registering is available [here](#).
- You must complete **Part 1** of the [Common Health Entry Document \(CHED\)](#) on TRACES-NT. A CHED-A is used for live animals. **Find a step-by step guide on how to create a CHED-A [here](#).**
  - \* Please note, you will need to have the activities of ‘animal importer’ and ‘responsible for the load’ validated (by DAERA) on TRACES-NT in order to complete the CHED-A.*
- Whilst creating the CHED, you must upload the colour-scanned digital copy of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) and all the supporting documentation onto TRACES-NT. *\*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. Once you have completed **Part 1** of the **Common Health Entry Document (CHED)** on **TRACES-NT** with all the necessary details, click **“Submit for decision”**.*

DAERA guidance on Pre-notification of the arrival of consignments, at a Northern Ireland Point of Entry, from GB can be found [here](#), with further guidance on the **timescales for pre-notification** found at this [link](#) (i.e. 24hrs).

Notification on TRACES-NT is the responsibility of the Importer/agent of the importing Country under Article 15 of Regulation (EC)2017/625. The operator responsible (EU importer) for the consignment entering the Union, must ensure that all the required documentation is in place (Export Health

This is the end of the pre-notification stage: you do not need to do anything else at this point.

## Checks on arrival

- **Ensure the product enters at a [Point of Entry \(POE\)](#)** that has EU designation for that product. You can only import live fish through the following Points of Entry (POE) in Northern Ireland:

- Larne Port;
- Belfast Port;

The driver must follow the signs to the designated inspection facilities at the port.

**Please note: for Live fish imports – you must proceed for inspection to Duncrue Street OCTA at Belfast Port and to Redlands Road OCTA at Larne Port.**

- ✓ The Competent Authority will conduct checks on the consignments and will decide to accept, partially accept or refuse the consignment.
- ✓ If the checks have been successful, the consignment is **cleared**: the decision is entered in **Part 2 of the CHED**, which will be provided to **the consignee in electronic form**. Your consignment is now **free to move to destination**.

Please note the following:

- It is the responsibility of the **person responsible for the load** to ensure that the consignment meets the [legislative requirements](#) for movement into Northern Ireland.
- The original Export Health Certificate (EHC) and the supporting documentation must remain with the consignment **throughout** the journey.
- Further information for the **GB consignor** can be found [here](#).
- You need an **EORI number** to move goods between Great Britain or the Isle of Man and other countries (including the EU). You may also need a separate EORI number if you move goods to or from Northern Ireland. For further information visit <https://www.gov.uk/eori>

**Sign up for The Trader Support Service (TSS)** to get advice on EORI numbers and moving goods between GB and NI. The service is free if you trade with Northern Ireland. You can also access DAERA's TSS information flyers [here](#).

For further information relating to live fish movements, please contact [fish.health@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:fish.health@daera-ni.gov.uk)