



Detailed Guidance for Authorised Traders

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From **1 January 2021**, **authorised traders** have been able to move products of animal origin, composite products, food and feed of non-animal origin and plants and plant products from Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI) without the need for official certification (such as export health certificates, phytosanitary certificates, marketing standards and Organic Certificate of Inspection), provided all consignments meet EU requirements. Instead, such goods and products have been permitted to move with a **STAMNI Compliance Declaration** and in line with other requirements such as sealing of consignments and TRACES NT pre-notification, which are further outlined below.

The use of the STAMNI was due to end on 1 October 2021. However, further to the [UK Government's announcement of 6 September 2021](#), this arrangement has now been **extended until further notice**. More information on the extension of the grace period on retail goods, including the STAMNI arrangements, is available [here](#).

In order to move goods into NI as part of the Authorised Trader scheme, eligible businesses must ensure:

- They are [registered on TRACES NT](#) (the EU's Trade Control and Expert System - New Technology).
- A commercial seal is applied to the freight unit.
- For every load containing **products of animal origin (POAO), composite products, food and feed of non-animal origin, plants and plant products** that a [STAMNI Compliance declaration](#) is completed.

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- At least **24 hours** before entering NI, create a Common Health Entry Document for Products of Animal Origin ([CHED P](#)) on [TRACES NT](#). This will **pre-notify** DAERA of the arrival of the consignment.
- When completing the CHED P, upload the [STAMNI Compliance declaration](#) and complete the following details:
 - CN Code - **9930**
 - Local Reference - **Retail**
 - **Name of Business** - this must be the name provided in your Authorised Trader application and listed in your letter of confirmation.
 - **Authorised Trader Number**
 - **Vehicle identity** (trailer identity, in case the truck changes)
 - **Seal number**
 - **CHED number (optional)**
 - **Signature and date** on the date of despatch

Please note: the STAMNI declaration is a vital part of the Retail Scheme and must be treated as such to maintain the integrity of the scheme.

If the load also contains **prohibited & restricted (P&R) chilled meat products**, please follow the requirements outlined at [Prohibitions and restrictions – Chilled meat products](#) and [DAERA Guidance for Authorised Traders Importing Prohibited & Restricted Chilled Meat Products to NI from GB](#).

Please note: Should the load also contain P&R chilled ‘meat products’ you will have to complete additional [CHED Ps](#) - one for the retail (non P&R) goods and one for each of the P&R ‘chilled meat product’ categories.

For further information, and to find template attestations and certificates please visit the [DEFRA GB-NI Showcase Site](#).

Identity Checks:

- DAERA authorised staff will check your commercial seal prior to departure from the GB port. Where the freight unit fails to have a correctly placed seal, or the seal identity does not correspond to that recorded on the documentation, the consignment will be considered non-compliant and may be subject to further checks – this will cause delay.

Documentary Checks:

- The documents you have uploaded to **TRACES NT** will be available electronically to DAERA, who will check them prior to your arrival in NI.
- **From 31 January 2021**, consignments which have not been accompanied by properly and fully completed documentation are not eligible for entry into NI and will be returned to the exporter.

Channelling:

- Businesses must e-mail DAERA (SPSChannelling@Daera-ni.gov.uk) **within three days** of the goods having reached their final destination, including the correspondent **CHED number and seal number**. Businesses that do not notify DAERA will be issued with a warning letter.
- **From 31 January 2021**, businesses which have not notified DAERA are investigated and non-compliant traders have been subject to increased checks on arrival, leading to delays.

**For more information on compliance,
please refer to the [Compliance Protocol](#).**

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