

## Movement of Equines from GB to NI after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### Northern Ireland Consignee Checklist

- Under the NIP, Northern Ireland will remain in the same Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) zone as the EU. Therefore any consignments of **equines** entering **NI from GB after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021** will be treated as entering the EU SPS zone from a Third Country.
- Northern Ireland-registered equines returning to NI, following a show/competition/cultural event in GB, can avail of simplified requirements. Evidence of the date of leaving the EU/NI is required to apply for the Export Health Certificate that allows re-entry back into the EU/NI within 30 days after temporary movement without the need for blood testing. For more information on NI registered equine re-entry and portal processes relating to the issue of Competent Authority Exit Declaration please check the DAERA website at : [Equine end of transition Q&As | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/equine-end-of-transition-q&as)
- This means that all movements of equines from GB post transition will be subject to 100% documentary, identity and physical checks, with/without sampling as appropriate, as per the Official Control Regulations (OCR) at a designated NI Point of Entry (POE), namely **Belfast Harbour** and **Larne Harbour**. Animal health and welfare and human health and safety will be prioritised when conducting checks on equines.

What do you need to do, as a Northern Ireland **consignee (person responsible for the consignment in NI)**, in order to successfully move equines from GB to NI, after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021?

- The equine to be moved needs to have the appropriate Export Health Certificate (EHC), which must be signed by an Authorised Veterinarian in GB to meet the conditions for entry into NI from GB.
  - ✓ Details of the requirements above can be found at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/equine-end-transition-qas>
- You must receive a digital copy (e.g. a colour-copy PDF scan) of the Export Health Certificate and supporting documentation (e.g. Transport Certificate, Transporter Authorisation, Journey Log, if applicable, and Government ID document, if applicable) associated with the consignment from your GB supplier:
  - ✓ The Export Health Certificate will have been provided to the GB supplier by the Competent Authority in GB.
  - ✓ This will be needed for your next step: Pre-Notification
- You must pre-notify** the Northern Ireland Point of Entry (POE).
  - ✓ Pre-notification must be done **minimum 24 hours** in advance of the arrival of the consignment. Pre-notification is done online through the [TRACES-NT](https://www.traces-nt.com/) (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 should **register now** as an **“operator”**. Guidance for registering is available [here](#).

- ✓ You must complete **Part 1** of the **Common Health Entry Document (CHED)** on **TRACESNT**. A **CHED-A** is used for live animals.  
Find a step-by step guide on how to create a CHED-A [here](#).
- ✓ Whilst creating the CHED you must upload the colour-scanned digital copy of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) and the supporting documentation associated with the consignment you have received from your **GB consignor** onto TRACESNT. 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 **TRACESNT** with all the necessary details, click **“Submit for decision”**.

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

- **Checks** on arrival:
  - ✓ The Competent Authority will conduct checks on all live animals and will make a decision 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 you (**the consignee**), to the **agent** or to the **driver**, in a **physical** or **electronic form**. If a physical CHED-A is issued, this must accompany the consignment to the first place of destination referred to in the CHED. Your consignment is now **free to move to destination**.
  - ✓ If the consignment does not meet the entry requirements, the consignment may be rejected and returned.
  
- **A charge** may be applied for clearance of your consignment – further information will be issued by DAERA before any potential fee is implemented.

**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 entry into Northern Ireland.

The original Export Health Certificate (EHC), passport and 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](#).