

Movement of Live Animals (excluding equines and pets) from GB to NI after 1st 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 **live animals** entering **NI from GB after 1st January 2021** will be treated as entering the EU SPS zone from a Third Country.

- This means that all movement of live animals (excluding equines and pets) 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**. For more information please see DAERA website at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/procedures-and-types-goods-accepted-northern-ireland-points-entry>

What do you need to do, as a Northern Ireland consignee (person responsible for the consignment in NI), in order to successfully move live animals (excluding equines and pets) from GB to NI, after 1st January 2021?

- You must first check whether you need an **Import License** to accompany your consignment of live animals entering NI from GB. Currently, the species that require an Import License are:
 - Sheep and goats for breeding and production
 - Pigs for breeding and production
 - Laboratory animals for research

Licenses must be applied for at least 10 working days in advance of the date of arrival and are valid for 21 days. To apply for a license please contact trade section on 028 77442 096 (contact details are subject to change and will be updated as required).

- Some movements will also require that a **Veterinary Supplementary Support Certificate** (VSSC) is signed by the official veterinarian who signs the Export Health Certificate. If required, this will be issued to you alongside the license and must be forwarded to the consignor for signing prior to movement.

- You must receive a digital copy (e.g. a colour-copy PDF scan) of the documentation relevant to the consignment, i.e. the **Export Health Certificate**, which has been signed by an Authorised Veterinarian in GB, the **signed VSSC**, the **Import licence** and supporting documentation such as **Transport Certificate**, **Transporter Authorisation** or **Journey Log** (also provided by the GB consignor)
 - ✓ 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](#) (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 all the supporting documentation mentioned above 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, in electronic form**. Your consignment is now **free to move to destination**.

- ✓ If the consignment does not meet the entry requirements, the consignment will be rejected and returned.

- **A charge** may be applied for clearance of your consignment – further information will be issued by the Competent Authority on the topic 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) and the supporting documentation, including the Import License 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](#).