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# Get Ready for New UK Import Requirements for Irish/EU agri-food goods

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# Agenda



- New UK customs changes for Irish imports
- Overview New UK import controls, updated UK Guidance notes available [here](#).
- Pre-notification of imports to GB Authorities
- Export Health Certification
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  - Dairy products
  - Animal by products
  - Fish & fishery products
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- Transit Health Certification
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- Q & A



# UK Government Announcements and Documents

## New UK Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Requirements



- **29 August 2023 - Final UK Border Target Operating Model**  
[The Border Target Operating Model: August 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/announcements/the-border-target-operating-model-august-2023)
- **New UK export Health Certificates for EU agrifood imports**  
<https://www.gov.uk/environment/producing-distributing-food-import-export>
- **UK Risk Categories (Low, Medium, High) for Products of Animal Origin at CN Code level**  
[Import risk categories for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain, from 31 January 2024- GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/announcements/import-risk-categories-for-animals-and-animal-products-imported-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-from-31-january-2024)
- **UK Risk Categories (High, Medium, Low) for Plants and Plant Products**  
[TOM risk categorisations - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/plant-health/tom-risk-categorisations)

# New UK Customs Changes for Irish Imports from October 2024

## 31 January 2024

- Full customs controls will be introduced for goods moving from Ireland into GB ports.
- UK import declarations will need to be pre-lodged and goods moved from the island of Ireland will become subject to checks and controls. (current option for 6 month delay in making UK customs declarations will no longer be available).
- Pre-lodged declarations will be entered in Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS).
  - Need to get a UK Government account to be able to use GVMS
  - All the MRNs to put in to the GVMS to generate Goods Movement Reference (GMR)
  - May not be allowed to board ferry in IE for GB without the unique Goods Movement Reference (GMR) assigned by GVMS
- If goods require an IPAFFS pre-notification to be made, if the IPAFFS notification reference number is not present the UK import declaration cannot be finalised, and therefore will be not available to enter in GVMS to generate GMR.

# Overview New UK SPS import controls

## 31 January 2024

- **Pre-notification** of all (low, medium and high risk) imports of animal products and high and medium risk plant products from Ireland to GB by your GB importer.
- If you're moving goods via GB Landbridge pre-notification must be made by a GB based representative.
- **Export Health Certification** required for EU imports of medium risk animal and plant products to GB.
- **Transit Health Certificates** required for high and medium risk animal products moving across GB landbridge. Plant products transiting GB landbridge do not require phytosanitary certification.
- These requirements do not apply to Northern Ireland goods designated as Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods (QNIG).

## 30 April 2024

- Documentary and risk-based identity and physical checks at UK Border Control Posts (BCPs) for SPS goods from the EU **excluding Ireland**.

## 31 October 2024

- Date for commencement of Border Control Post (BCP) identity and physical checks for SPS goods moving from Ireland have yet to be confirmed but will not apply before 31 October 2024.

# Overview New UK import controls

## Pre-notification - 31 January 2024

- Import pre-notification on UK food and feed import system (IPAFFS) are being introduced for all imports of animal products and high and medium risk plant products from Ireland to GB. These notifications are already in place for the rest of EU imports since 1 January 2022.
- An import notification must be made by the GB based importer or agent to GB authorities one working day before the expected arrival of the goods. If you're moving goods via GB Landbridge pre-notification is to be made by a GB based representative.
- An import notification can be made up to 30 days before arrival.
- IPAFFS is using listings of businesses approved as exporters on EU TRACES to allow pre-notification to be made. Check that your business has appropriate exporter status on TRACES.
- Further UK guidance on IPAFFs is available [here](#) & [here](#).
- DEFRA webinars on how to complete an import notification taking place on 11 January @ 2.00pm: [Register here](#) & 18 January @ 2.00pm: [Register here](#)

# Overview New UK import controls

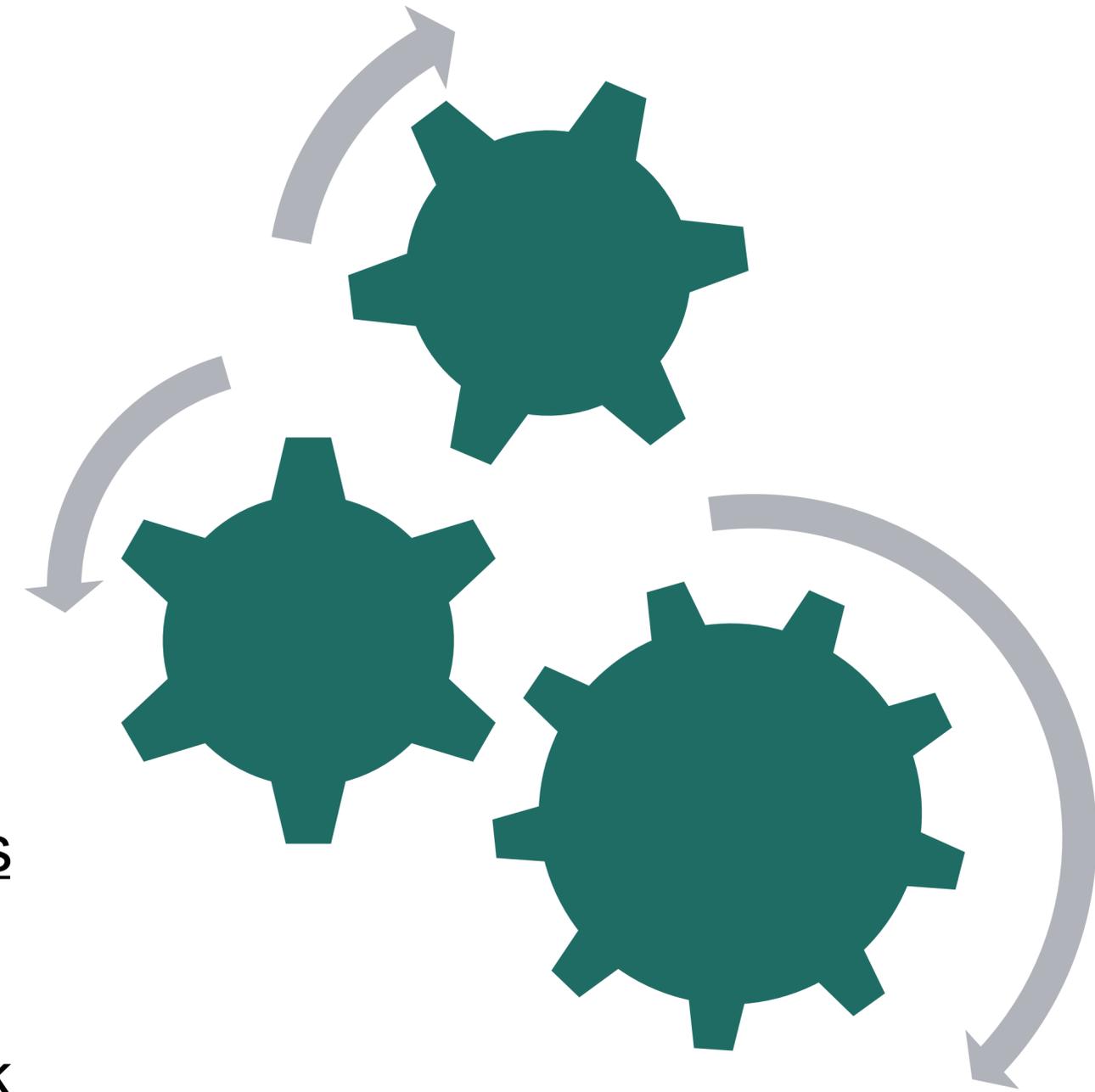
## Export Health Certification - 31 January 2024

- **Export Health certification will be required for medium risk** animal products, plants, plant products and high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin from the EU to GB and via GB landbridge.
- **Certification of animal products will be completed on EU TRACES** system which provides for e-signature and e-sealing of certificates which can then be uploaded to IPAFFS.
- **Contact your local Supervisory team (DAFM, HSE, SFPA, Local Authority Veterinary service)** to ensure business process and standard operating procedures are in place to support provision of certification.
- For products which are being dispatched for export from a DAFM supervised premises but which are originate from an FBO not supervised by DAFM, a pre-movement certificate from the non-DAFM supervised plants is not required provided the product has an EU oval approval health mark on the packaging.
  - Relevant commercial and supporting information will need to accompany these products to enable the FBO seeking certification to fill out Part 1 of the Export Cert on TRACES and for DAFM certifying officers to complete controls and checks to support certification for these products.

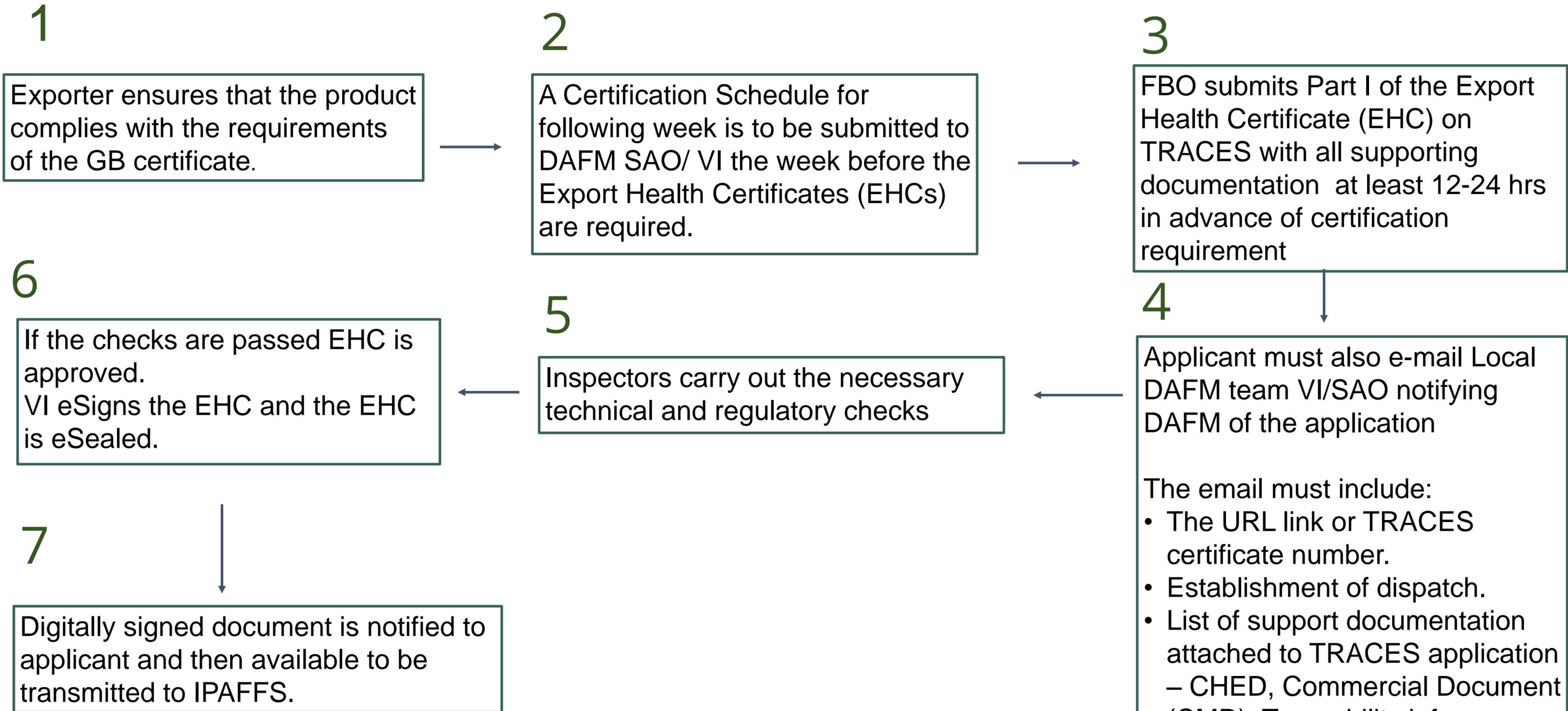
# Export Health Certification- 31 January 2024

## Application Processes

- There are different certification processes for:
  - Meat & Meat Products
  - Dairy & Dairy Products
  - Animal By Products
  - Fishery Products
  - Plant Products
- EU TRACES system will be used to generate all certificates for export of animal products to GB.
- Engage with your local DAFM supervisory team to work through the process needed for certification.



# Meat & Meat Products Certification Process



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## FBO Application Process - Key messages

- Each FBO should submit a weekly schedule of consignments needing certification to their local supervisory team for the following week.
- FBOs should focus on ensuring certification can take place within core hours **09.00-17.30**.
- If FBOs require out of core hours certification they must make a case to the DAFM supervisory team. Consideration of out of hours certification will be based on most efficient and sustainable use of resources & based on following out of hours windows:
  - **07.30-09.00 and 17.30-22.00.**
- No certification service available prior 07:30 or after 22.00
- Weekends: Limited service available on Saturday morning. No service available on Sunday.
- Links to [DAFM training session on export health certification to GB](#) and DAFM [Trader Notice MH01/24 - On certification requirements for fresh meat, meat preparations, meat products and other related commodities being exported to Great Britain.](#)

# Dairy Export Health Certification Process

1

Exporter ensures that the product complies with the requirements of the GB certificate.

2

FBO submits Part I of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) on TRACES

3

FBO sends notification e-mail to the dedicated Milk Policy Division (MPD) email address [DairyCertsGBTraces@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:DairyCertsGBTraces@agriculture.gov.ie) notifying them of the application.

5

If the checks are passed EHC is approved. Certifying Officer eSigns the EHC and the EHC is eSealed.

4

Inspectors carry out the necessary technical and regulatory checks

6

Digitally signed document is then available to be transmitted to IPAFFS.

# Animal By-Product Export Health Certification Process

1

Exporter ensures that the product complies with the requirements of the GB certificate.

2

Exporter notifies the dedicated admin ABP email inbox of upcoming exports **2 working days in advance**.

3

FBO submits Part I of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) on TRACES

6

Digitally signed document is then available to be transmitted to IPAFFS.

5

If the checks are passed EHC is approved. Certifying Officer eSigns the EHC and the EHC is eSealed.

4

Inspectors carry out the necessary technical and regulatory checks

# Fish & Fishery Product Certification

## FBO Application Process - Key messages

### From 31 January 2024

- All movements (Low, Medium, High risk) will require IPAFFs pre-notification by the UK based Importer.
- High risk & medium risk Fish & Fishery products will require an Export Health Certificate (EHC) generated on TRACES.
- FBO submits Part I of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) on TRACES to the SFPA 48 hrs in advance of certification requirement.
- Physical checks / inspections will follow on a risk-based approach.
- IUU documents will still be required & will continue to be hard copies.

# Plants and Plant Products Certification

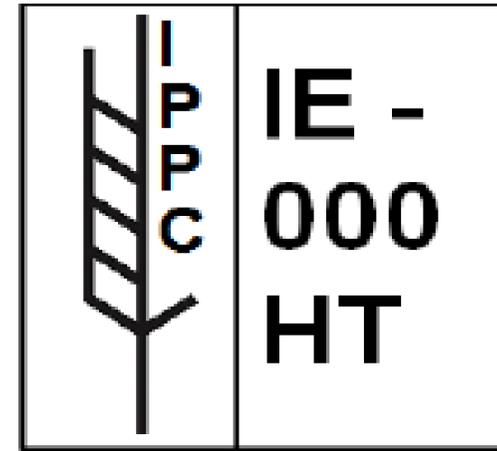
## FBO Application Process - Key messages

- **Risk categories:** Know your products risk category, this is particularly important for 'plants' which has a broad meaning.
- **Phytosanitary Certification:**
  - Engage with DAFM early (14 days in advance).
  - Provide pre notification through the ECS system & provide additional phytosanitary requirements as needed,
  - Inspections will be required,
  - Specific additional testing may be needed in advance of export.
- **Supply chain:** Exporters may need to engage with GB importers to obtain additional phytosanitary requirements for commodities.



# Wood Packaging Material

- All commodities transported using wood packaging need to be ISPM 15 compliant.
- Wood Packaging Material (WPM)
  - Pallets, crates, dunnage, etc.
  - Transport of goods of any kind
- ISPM 15 is international (plant health) measure which sets down standards for treatment and marking WPM to help prevent the international transport and spread of diseases and insects that could negatively affect trees, plants or ecosystems.



Irish ISPM 15 template and brand



# Overview new UK SPS import controls

## Transit/Landbridge Movements of SPS goods

### Animals and animal products transiting GB Landbridge:

- **High, medium risk animals & animal products**
  - Require pre-notification via IPAFFS.
  - Require a transit export health certificate.
  - Subject to entry and exit identity and physical checks at UK Border Control Posts (BCPs) at a date TBC by UK Government, for goods from Ireland this will not commence before 31 October 2024.
- **Low risk animals & animal products**
  - Require pre-notification via IPAFFS.
  - Do not require health certificates and are not subject to routine checks at UK BCPs.
  - May be subject to non-routine/intelligence-led checks by UK Authorities.

### Plants and plant products transiting GB Landbridge

- NO requirement for pre-notification via IPAFFS or phytosanitary certification for high, medium or low risk plant product transiting GB.
- Will continue to require a signed declaration stating that the goods are under phytosanitary transit and are packaged in such a way that there is no risk to spreading pests through GB.

# How to prepare for changes - What your business needs to do?

## Identify if you need certification for your products to GB

- Is your product in medium/ low risk category?
- If your product is medium risk identify the right export health cert(s) for your products and confirm that you can meet all requirements of UK certificate.

## Examine your supply chain, know who is responsible for meeting each UK import requirement

- Who completes pre notification on UK IPAFFS system?
- Is your business registered on EU TRACES system as an exporter?
- Who applies for export health certification and ensures certificate/s are uploaded to IPAFFS?
- Ensure your logistics partner is aware of timing associated with completion of certification process and logistics are aligned with this.

## ENGAGE with your local supervisory team (DAFM, HSE, Local Authority OR SFPA)

- Confirm what health certification you need for your products.
- Ensure UK export health certification requirements can be met
- Have all supporting documentation required by Certifying Officer in a consistent format and on a timely basis
- Ensure business process including timings, for certification are agreed with local supervisory team

# Preparation for Certification- What your business needs to do



For exporters of animal products, confirm that your business is registered as an approved exporter on [EU TRACES system](#).



Engage with your supply chain including transport and logistics providers to identify who is fulfilling each UK import requirement – customs, pre-notification, export certification. Ensure your logistics provider is aware of timing associated with completion of IPAFFS notification and certification completion and logistics plan is aligned to these processes.



Engage with your local supervisory team to agree business processes for certification, including the timing of certification



Practice completing an export health certificate on the TRACES Training Environment via the following details:

Email Address: [EO27.FR@ec-traces.eu](mailto:EO27.FR@ec-traces.eu)

Password: Welovetnt2024.0

Website Link: <https://webgate.training.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/login>



Examine the published video and guidance documents on the DAFM TRACES website page.

TRACES training videos on [how to register for TRACES](#), [guidance document on how to Import a CSV File on TRACES](#) & [how to complete Part 1 of the Export Health Certificate](#) on our [TRACES website page](#).

# DAFM Information Points/Contacts



## Brexit Division

**DAFM Brexit call centre**

**Phone (01) 6072830**

**Email : [BrexitCall@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:BrexitCall@agriculture.gov.ie)**

**You can also check whether the information you need is available on our Brexit page at**

**[www.gov.ie/agriculture/brexit](http://www.gov.ie/agriculture/brexit)**

**This contains a wide range of detailed information including, recorded webinars & 'how to' guides etc.**

# UK Information Points/Contacts



## UK Government

- [APHA - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) including GVMS - 0300 322 9434
- IPAFFS General – tel: 0300 1000313
- IPAFFS Technical – tel: 0330 041 6999
- PEACH - tel: 0345 607 3224

## **HMRC also operates a number of services, including:**

Import/export general enquiries [Imports and exports: general enquiries - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) or by calling 0300 200 3700.

- The UK Government also operates an online forum where you can access key information and ask questions directly on [Importing and exporting - Community Forum - GOV.UK \(hmrc.gov.uk\)](http://hmrc.gov.uk)

