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Update on importing medical goods containing products of animal origin from EU into Great Britain

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Content

This is a general update on the sanitary & phytosanitary (SPS) import requirements for:

- products of animal origin (POAO) including composite products
- animal by-products (ABP)
- plant products

SPS controls include the requirements for:

- Pre-notification (GB importer action)
- Health certification (such as an Export Health Certificate or Phytosanitary Certificate)
- Documentary, identity and physical checks at the border or inland
- Entry via a point of entry with an authorised Border Control Post (BCP) with relevant checking facilities

Products of Animal Origin (POAO)

What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on POAO?

From October 2021:

- POAO for human consumption must be accompanied by a GB health certificate and pre-notified using IPAFFS before arrival at the border
- Certain composite products are exempt from SPS controls at the border under Article 6 of Regulation 2007/275

You must:

- Ensure that a copy of the health certificate accompanies the consignment and receive an electronic copy of the health certificate
- Pre-notify using IPAFFS and upload a copy of the health certificate onto the notification

From January 2022:

- POAO will require pre-notification using IPAFFS and must be accompanied by a GB health certificate unless an exempt composite product under Article 6 of Regulation 2007/275
- POAO must arrive at an established point of entry with an authorised Border Control Post (BCP)

Composite Products

Overview: Composite products are food containing both **processed** products of animal origin (POAO) and products of plant origin.

Composite products must follow the phased requirements of POAO and these goods must be pre-notified and accompanied by a GB health certificate from October 2021 unless otherwise exempt

Some goods are exempt if they:

- contain **<50%** processed animal product;
- contain **no meat product**; and
- meet the requirements in **Article 6 of Decision 2007/275**

Animal By-Products (ABP)

What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on ABP?

From October 2021:

- **ABP not for human consumption must be accompanied by a GB health certificate, official declaration or other official documentation depending on the commodity being imported**
- **For certain ABP, pre-notification using IPAFFS before arrival at the border will be required**

You must:

- **Ensure that a copy of the health certificate accompanies the consignment and receive an electronic copy of the health certificate**
- **Pre-notify using IPAFFS and upload a copy of the health certificate onto the notification**

From January 2022:

- **ABP must be accompanied by a GB health certificate or other official documentation, depending on the ABP commodity being imported. For certain ABP products, pre-notification will be required.**
- **Certain ABP will need to arrive at an established point of entry with an authorised Border Control Post (BCP).**

Plants

What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on plants?

From 1 January 2022:

- **Physical and identity checks of high-priority plants and plant products will move from Places of Destination to Border Control Posts**
- **The requirement for pre-notification and phytosanitary certificates will be extended to all regulated plants and plant products (i.e. not just those which are ‘high priority’)**

From March 2022:

The UK’s Border Operating Model will be fully operationalised with physical and identity checks on all regulated plants and plant products being carried out at Border Control Posts

Be prepared...

Actions to take 1st
October 2021

For POAO and ABP:

- Make sure you upload an electronic copy of the health certificate **when you pre-notify in IPAFFS**
- Make sure the **health certificate travels with the consignment.**

Actions to take 1st
January 2022 (Plants)

- Make sure you the **phytosanitary certificate** and where possible travels with the consignment.
- Make sure the importer submits a pre-notification.

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