

EU Exit Focus

Food & Feeds Business Advice & Guidance from Food Services

[Signposting Service](#)

This document is being maintained by Food Services as a portal to give East Riding food and feeds business operators easy access to the latest government advice and guidance on transition arrangements and legal requirements arising from the UK's EU Exit after 31 December 2020.

Our aim is to help food and feed businesses continue to trade within the UK and conduct export / import trade with the EU beyond the 31 December transition deadline. This will be a dynamic document which provides links to help businesses navigate the various '[.GOV.UK](#)' webpages. Where possible we'll also provide links to relevant regulatory guidance and associated sector advice.

Simply click on the tiles below to take you to the portal pages of interest to you





United Kingdom Transition

**The transition period has now ended,
the UK has now left the EU single market and the customs union.**

The UK transition

The UK has left the EU, and the transition period has ended. This means that the UK has now left the EU single market and customs union, with immediate consequences for citizens, businesses, as well as travel to and from the EU.

The link below takes you to the primary .GOV.UK webpage which allows you check how the changes may have on you personally and your business. For businesses this includes the actions needed to prepare for the new approach to trade with our partners in the European Union.

<https://www.gov.uk/transition>

By completing the '[Take Action](#)' Q&A section you can get guidance tailored to your business and personal circumstances. The government has also prepared a series of [Webinars for organisations that trade with the EU](#) to help business prepare for leaving the EU single market and customs union.

Industry led guidance and support is also available at the [EU Exit Food Hub](#).

The Border Operating Model

A guide to how the border with the European Union will work after the transition period.

Producing and distributing food: detailed information

This link provides a portal link to detailed information for some sector specific guidance concerning:

- [Crops and horticulture](#)
- [Dairy and milk production](#)
- [Egg production and marketing](#)
- [Food labelling and safety](#)
- [Import, export and distribution of food](#)
- [Meat production](#)
- [Sugar](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/producing-distributing-food>

Guidance and regulation

This link provides a search facility which allows you to browse all information related to the transition period guidance and regulation. The information can be sorted by newest/oldest/most popular/relevance dependent on the search criteria input.

<https://www.gov.uk/search/guidance-and-regulation?parent=%2Ftransition&topic=d6c2de5d-ef90-45d1-82d4-5f2438369eea&order=updated-newest>

How to import and export goods between Great Britain and the EU from 1 January 2021

Information from HMRC for traders on importing and exporting goods between Great Britain and the EU after 1 January 2021.

[European Commission - The EU-UK Trade Agreement Explained](#)

A summary of the EU perspective on the EU-UK Trade Agreement.





General
Exporter
Guidance

[Prepare to export goods from Great Britain to the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

The process for exporting goods to the EU will change. Businesses in Great Britain need to complete the following actions to continue exporting to EU countries from 1 January 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/prepare-to-export-from-great-britain-from-january-2021>

- Check if you should follow different guidance if you:
 - [sending goods by post](#)
 - [exporting goods to countries outside the EU](#)
- Find out how to declare goods from 1 January 2021 - you'll need to make customs declarations when exporting goods to the EU from 1 January 2021.
- Check the new rules for your type of goods
 - [Check what export licenses or certificates you need](#)
 - [Check the marking, labelling and marketing standards for food, plant seeds and manufactured goods](#)
 - [Check the rules for exporting alcohol, tobacco and certain oils](#)
- Make sure you have an EORI number starting with GB - From 1 January 2021 you'll need an EORI number to move goods between the UK and the EU. Apply for your EORI number in advance. It can take up to a week to get one.
 - [Get an EORI number](#) (EORI = Economic Operator Registration Identification)
- Find out if you can charge VAT at 0% - from 1 January 2021, you can charge customers VAT at 0% (known as 'zero rate') on most goods you export to the EU.
 - [Check if you can zero rate your goods for VAT](#)

Find the correct Border Control Post for your goods

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- [France BCPs](#)
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- [Netherlands BCPs](#)
- [Portugal BCPs](#)
- [Spain BCPs](#)

You can check the [full list of EU BCPs](#). Your goods may be refused entry, seized, destroyed or returned to GB if they arrive at:

- a port in the EU without a BCP or where checks cannot be carried out
- an EU BCP that cannot check your type of animal
- an EU BCP without the correct documentation

[Give advance notice to the EU Border Control Post \(pre-notification\)](#)

You'll need to give EU BCPs advance notice of goods arriving (pre-notify). Check with the BCP you're planning to use for how much notice is needed.

Contact your import agent in the EU to make sure they notify the BCP through the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) of the arrival of the consignment. They must do this within the time limits set out by the BCP or point of entry.

[Comply with new customs requirements](#)

Comply with wider [HMRC guidance on customs requirements for exporting to the EU](#), follow [HMRC guidance for moving goods from GB](#) and follow [rules on identifying animals](#), if you want to export them to the EU.

[How to import and export goods between Great Britain and the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

Information from HMRC for traders on importing and exporting goods between Great Britain and the EU after 1 January 2021.

[Export or move live animals and animal products to the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

What you need to do to export or move live animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products from 1 January 2021. Including animal identification (tagging) requirements.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

[EU guidance](#)

[Guidance: Sanitary and phytosanitary controls on goods imported from the UK into EU entering via France](#) - French Ministry for Agriculture and Food

[Defra Helplines](#)

Select the most appropriate Helpline for the commodity you are exporting to the EU at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-defra>

Industry led guidance and support is also available at the [EU Exit Food Hub](#).



Food and Feeds Exporter Guidance

Export food, drink and agricultural products

Check if you need a certificate to export food, drink and agricultural products.

- [Processed food and drinks: current rules](#)
- [Meat, fish, dairy and other animal products: current rules](#)
- [Vegetables, fruit and other plants used as food: current rules](#)
- [Grain: current rules](#)
- [Sugar and rice: current rules](#)

Export composite food products to the EU from 1 January 2021

Composite food products are for human consumption only. They contain a mix of:

- processed products of animal origin (POAO)
- plant products used as a main ingredient - not just added for flavouring or processing

Check what counts as a composite food product, and the rules you'll need to follow to export these products from 1 January 2021.

- [What counts as a composite food product](#)
- [What does not count as a composite food product](#)
- [How to export composite food products from 1 January 2021](#)
- [Composite foods exempt from inspection at an EU border control post \(BCP\)](#)
- [EU standards for composite products](#)

Export groups of products of animal origin to the EU from 1 January 2021

How to register for the groupage exports facilitation scheme (GEFS), eligible products, and requirements for exporters and suppliers including inspections.

Export food for animals

You may need certificates to export animal feed and pet food. This includes feed made from plants or products of animal origin. Check if you need a certificate to export food for animals.

- [Check if you need an EHC](#)
- [Apply for a certificate of free sale](#)
- [Get a different type of export certification](#)

Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme GEFS - ET 193

Guidance for the use of the Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme to facilitate groupage exports from Great Britain to the EU.

<http://apha.defra.gov.uk//external-operations-admin/library/documents/exports/ET193.pdf>

[Webinars for exporters of animals and products of animal origin to the EU](#)

Register for free webinars to learn more about what you need to do to export animals, animal products (dairy, poultry, meat, animal feed) and fish from GB to the EU from 1 January 2021.

- [Export live animals and products of animal origin \(POAO\)](#)
- [Marketing standards and labelling goods for export from GB to the EU](#)
- [Export Health Certificate\(EHC\) and the online service](#)

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- Check if you should follow different guidance if you are:
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 - [Get an EORI number](#)
- Check the rate of tax and duty you'll need to pay - you need to pay customs duties and VAT on all imports.
 - [Check the rate of customs duty on imports from 1 January 2021](#)
 - [Check the rate of VAT](#)
- Check if you can make the importing process quicker - from 1 January 2021, you'll need to make customs declarations when you import goods from the EU. In some situations, you can delay making a declaration for up to 6 months after you imported the goods.
 - [Check if you can declare your goods later to make the importing process quicker](#)

[Importing animals, animal products and high-risk food and feed not of animal origin from 1 January 2021](#)

What you need to do to import animals, animal products, high-risk food and feed into Great Britain from 1 January 2021.

- [Register for the UK's new Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System \(IPAFFS\)](#)
- [Health certificates for imports into Great Britain](#)
- [Import from a non-EU country](#)
- [Import from an EU country](#)
- [Import from an EU country from 1 January 2021](#)
- [Import from an EU country from 1 April 2021](#)
- [Import from an EU country from 1 July 2021](#)



Fishery Product Imports

[Prepare your fisheries business for changes from 1 January 2021](#)

What you need to do as a fisheries business from 1 January 2021.

[Import fish from the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

How to import fish for human consumption from 1 January 2021, the documents you may need and customs rules to follow, regarding:

- [Direct landings into the UK](#)
- [Re-exporting fish imported from the EU](#)
- [Customs requirements](#)

If you import fish to the UK from the EU you'll need a validated catch certificate from the exporter. If the fish you're importing has been stored or processed, you may also may need additional documents, endorsed by the competent authority in the country of processing:

- a processing statement filled in by the processor
- storage documents from the exporter

UK port health authorities (fisheries authorities in Northern Ireland) will check these documents for UK freight imports.

There may be implications for trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Find out more about moving goods into, out of, or through Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021.

[Other Guidance](#)

Industry led guidance and support is also available at the [EU Exit Food Hub](#) and at [Seafish](#)

Seafish EU exit guides for businesses: further details on the specific steps that businesses need to take to continue to trade from 1 January 2021 can be found in the **Seafish** guides.

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To export fish to the EU after 1 January 2021, you'll need to follow the same rules that are currently in place for exports of fish to some non-EU countries. You'll need to create:

- an [export health certificate](#), except for direct landings of fresh fish in EU ports from UK-flagged fishing vessels
- a [catch certificate](#) - you need to validate this and send it to your importer

You may also need:

- [direct landing documents](#)
- a storage document if your product has been stored
- a processing statement if your product has been processed

You'll need to follow customs and border inspection requirements.

- [Customs requirements](#)
- [Get an export health certificate](#)
- [Send validated catch certificate to the importer](#)
- [Composite products](#)
- [Direct landing documents](#)

[How to export wild caught marine fishery products to the EU from 01 January 2021](#)

Statutory guidance

- ['One Stop Shop' Getting ready for 1 January 2021](#) - Support for commercial fishers, merchants and exporters
- SEAFOOD EXPORTERS: [How to export wild-caught marine fishery products to the EU from 1 January 2021](#) - Check what you need to do by following this process.
- FISHERMEN: [Landing fish and fishery products in the EU from 1 January 2021](#) - A guide to what you need to know -

[Export fishery products intended for human consumption to the EU: certificate 8270](#)

From 1 January 2021, you'll need to apply for an export health certificate (EHC) to export fishery products from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) to the EU.

<https://www.gov.uk/search/all?keywords=fishery+products&order=relevance>

Download and read the specimen EHC and guidance notes. These documents explain what rules you'll need to follow to export your consignment from Great Britain to the EU.

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Guidance for the use of the Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme to facilitate groupage exports from Great Britain to the EU.

<http://apha.defra.gov.uk//external-operations-admin/library/documents/exports/ET193.pdf>

This above guidance sets out a scheme for using time limited Support Attestations to facilitate certification of EU export health certification for groupage exports to, or for transit through, the EU. All exporters wishing to use this scheme must be listed as members of the Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS), and must source all animal products included in their exports from a documented and stable supplier list.

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EU guidance

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Defra Helplines

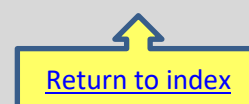
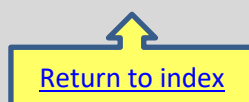
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**Product
Marking,
Labelling &
Marketing**

[Marking, labelling and marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Marking, labelling and marketing standards you must follow to import and export food, plant seeds and manufactured goods from 1 January 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/labelling-and-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021?step-by-step-nav=1ddb4c89-1fe9-4ad0-b561-c1b0158e6bc5>

Check if the marking, labelling and marketing standards you must follow are changing from 1 January 2021.

- [Product markings](#)
- [Labelling standards](#)
- [Marketing standards](#)

[Food and drink labelling changes from 1 January 2021](#)

How food and drink producers, manufacturers, retailers and suppliers must change labels from 1 January 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/food-labelling-changes-after-brexite>

[Food Standards Agency - Guidance on health and identification marks that applies from 1 January 2021](#)

Guidance on the health and identification marks that must be applied to food products of animal origin (POAO), such as meat, egg products, fish, cheese and milk, after the end of the EU Transition Period.

<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/guidance-on-health-and-identification-marks-that-applies-from-1-january-2021>

[Exporting to the EU](#)

The EU has issued [guidance on labelling changes](#) required from 1 January 2021.

Check with your EU importer how the EU's new labelling requirements affect your products.

Food products placed on the EU market before 1 January 2021 can continue to be sold, distributed or transferred in the EU without labelling changes. In EU law, 'placed on the EU market' means they're:

- held in the EU for the purpose of sale, including offering for sale or any other form of transfer, whether free of charge or not
- sold, distributed or transferred to the EU in another way

Food business operator (FBO) address

Pre-packaged food and caseins must have an EU address for the [FBO](#) or EU importer on the packaging or food label.

Product Marking, Labelling & Marketing continued....

EU emblem

You must not use the EU emblem on goods produced in the UK from 1 January 2021 unless you have been authorised by the EU to do so.

EU health and identification marks

On products of animal origin (POAO), you must replace the EU oval health and identification marks with [new UK health and identification marks](#).

Country of origin labels

UK food must not be labelled as origin 'EU' from 1 January 2021.

[Export composite food products to the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

What counts as a composite food product, and the rules you'll need to follow to export these products from 1 January 2021.

[Goods sold in the UK](#)

EU health and identification marks

You can continue to use the EU oval health and identification mark on products of animal origin (POAO) produced and sold in the UK until 1 January 2021.

From 1 January 2021, you must use the [new UK health and identification marks](#) for POAO to clearly show the UK product has been subjected to strict health and welfare checks.

Read the [Food Standards Agency's guidance on the new health and identification marks](#).

Food business operator (FBO) address

You must include a UK address for the FBO on pre-packaged food or caseins sold in the UK. If the FBO is not in the UK, include the address of your importer.

EU organic logo

You must not use the EU organic logo on any UK organic food or feed from 1 January 2021, unless either:

- your control body is authorised by the EU to certify UK goods for export to the EU
- the UK and the EU agree to recognise each other's standards (called equivalency)

[Please review the product specific guidance provided toward the bottom of this .GOV>UK webpage concerning:](#)

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- Country of origin for mixed foods and eggs
- Minced meat
- Fruit and vegetables
- Olive oil
- Honey blends
- Beef and veal
- Eggs

Product Marking, Labelling & Marketing continued....

[Egg marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Marketing standards for egg producers, manufacturers, retailers and distributors from 1 January 2021.

[Poultry meat marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Marketing standards for poultry meat producers, manufacturers, retailers and distributors from 1 January 2021.

[Hatching eggs and chicks marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Marketing standards for hatching egg and chick producers, manufacturers, retailers and distributors from 1 January 2021.

[Fresh fruit and vegetable marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Advice for fruit and vegetable importers, packers, distributors and retailers on the changes to the marketing standards from 1 January 2021.

[Protecting food and drink names from 1 January 2021](#)

What food and drink producers with 'geographical indication' (GI) protection need to know from 1 January 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protecting-food-and-drink-names-if-theres-no-brexite-deal>

[Manufacturing and marketing fertilisers from 1 January 2021](#)

How manufacturers and importers of fertilisers should prepare for changes from 1 January 2021.

[Trading and labelling organic food from 1 January 2021](#)

How rules for producing, processing, labelling and trading organic food will change from 1 January 2021.

[Nutrition-related labelling, composition and standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Outlining changes to domestic and retained European Union (EU) legislation relating to nutrition-related labelling, composition and standards from 1 January 2021.

[Other Guidance](#)

Industry led guidance and support is also available at the [EU Exit Food Hub](#).



Northern Ireland Trade

[Moving goods into, out of, or through Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021](#)

What UK businesses can do now to get ready for 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-goods-into-out-of-or-through-northern-ireland-from-1-january-2021>

This guidance provides support for businesses engaging in new processes under the Northern Ireland protocol.

At the end of the transition period, the Northern Ireland Protocol ('the Protocol') will take effect. The Protocol is a practical solution to avoid a hard border with Ireland whilst ensuring the UK, including Northern Ireland, leaves the EU as a whole, enabling the entire UK to benefit from future Free Trade Agreements. There will be special provisions which apply only in Northern Ireland while the Protocol is in force.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol>

Until negotiations with the EU conclude, there will be some areas without complete certainty, but full guidance will be provided by the end of the transition period.

[Export or move live animals and animal products to the EU from 1 January 2021, \(including movement of animals to NI\).](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-fish-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

What you need to do to export or move live animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products from 1 January 2021. Including animal identification (tagging) requirements.

[Movement Assistance Scheme: get help with moving agrifood goods to Northern Ireland](#)

New support for traders and businesses goes live with the launch of the Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS), to help them meet new requirements for moving animals, plants and associated products from Great Britain to Northern Ireland after the transition period ends.

Movement Assistance Scheme helpline

Telephone: 0330 0416 580

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm on weekdays (excluding bank holidays)

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Latest News & Guidance

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£200 million Port Infrastructure Fund opens for bids
The government is ramping up its preparations for the end of the transition period with the launch of a £200 million fund for ports to build new facilities.
Updated: 2 October 2020

Training fund launched to help vets prepare for 1 January 2021
The new fund aims to boost the certification capacity for exports to the EU at the end of the transition period.
Updated: 1 October 2020

Support service for Northern Ireland trade goes live
The government is urging businesses to sign up to new Trader Support Service with fewer than 100 days until end of Transition period.
Updated: 28 September 2020

Meeting of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee on 28 September
The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster co-chaired a meeting of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee on 28 September in Brussels.
Updated: 28 September 2020

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[New financial support for the UK's fishing businesses that export to the EU](#)

£23 million to support fishing businesses affected by the COVID pandemic and adjusting to new export requirements.

[Provisional fishing quota published](#)

Setting out [fishing opportunities for British fishing boats](#) for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks during 2021.

[How to import and export goods between Great Britain and the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

Updated to remove references to Intrastat declarations for exports. You do not have to submit Intrastat declarations for goods exported from Great Britain to the EU.

[Food Standards Agency - Guidance on health and identification marks that applies from 1 January 2021](#)

Updated FSA guidance on the health and identification marks that must be applied to food products of animal origin (POAO), such as meat, egg products, fish, cheese and milk, after the end of the EU Transition Period.

[Food and drink labelling changes from 1 January 2021](#)

Change made: added details about using the Great Britain Approved Trader Scheme label for fruit and vegetables from 1 January 2021.

[Importing animals, animal products and high-risk food and feed not of animal origin from 1 January 2021](#)

Change made: added that you must get pre-authorisation from Defra for high-risk ABPs before any imports take place.

[Export composite food products to the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

What counts as a composite food product, and the rules you'll need to follow to export these products from 1 January 2021.

Latest News & Guidance continued....

[Movement Assistance Scheme: get help with moving agrifood goods to Northern Ireland](#)

New support for traders and businesses goes live with the launch of the Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS)

[Tagging animals for export to the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

You must use the GB country code from 1 January 2021 when identifying animals you want to:

- export to the EU
- move to NI
- transit through the EU or NI

[EU Exit Food Hub](#)

Industry led guidance and support is also available at the [EU Exit Food Hub](#).

[Poultry meat marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Marketing standards for poultry meat producers, manufacturers, retailers and distributors from 1 January 2021.

[Egg marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Marketing standards for egg producers, manufacturers, retailers and distributors from 1 January 2021.

[Hatching eggs and chicks marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#)

Marketing standards for hatching egg and chick producers, manufacturers, retailers and distributors from 1 January 2021. Changes to information you need to provide when importing and exporting hatching eggs and chicks between the UK and EU and non-EU countries.

[Importing and exporting wine from 1 January 2021](#)

Rules for wine importers, exporters, producers, retailers and distributors from 1 January 2021. Added information on labelling wine imported from EU and non-EU countries. Updated details on importing and exporting wine between the UK and EU and non-EU countries.

[Importing and exporting plants and plant products from 1 January 2021](#)

How to trade in plants and plant products, including trees, inside and outside the EU from 1 January 2021. Added section on making advance notifications for all regulated consignments to the UK.

[Export groups of products of animal origin to the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

How to register for the groupage exports facilitation scheme (GEFS), eligible products, and requirements for exporters and suppliers including inspections.

[Trading and labelling organic food from 1 January 2021](#)

How rules for producing, processing, labelling and trading organic food will change from 1 January 2021. Updated guidance on importing organics from the EU to Great Britain from 1 January 2021.

[Export or move live animals and animal products to the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

What you need to do to export or move live animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products from 1 January 2021. Added guidance on documents you'll need to transport live animals.

[Webinars for exporters of animals and products of animal origin to the EU](#)

Videos of recent webinars added to the page.

[Letters to businesses about new trade arrangements with the EU from 1 January 2021](#)

HMRC letters to VAT-registered businesses highlighting actions they need to take to continue trading with the EU from 1 January 2021.

- [Letter to the retail sector about actions to take from 1 January 2021](#)
- [Letter to the agri-food and biosecurity sector about actions to take from 1 January 2021](#)

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Added links to:

- European Commission - The EU-UK Trade Agreement Explained
- Provisional fishing quota for 2021

News items:

- New financial support for the UK's fishing businesses that export to the EU
- Provisional fishing quota for 2021 published

V10 – 8 Jan 21

Added links to:

- Exporter guidance from Defra and EU.
- Updated and added links to **Seafish** industry guidance.

News items:

- The EU Exit transition period has ended, the UK has now left the EU single market and the customs union.

V9 – 18 Dec 20

Added links to:

- Updated link to Export or move live animals and animal products to the EU from 1 January 2021, (including movement of animals to NI).
- Added link to Movement Assistance Scheme: get help with moving agrifood goods to Northern Ireland

News items:

- Movement Assistance Scheme: get help with moving agrifood goods to Northern Ireland
- New support, to help traders and businesses meet new requirements for moving animals, plants and associated products from Great Britain to Northern Ireland after the transition period ends.

V8 – 14 Dec 20

Added links to:

- Updated link to Export or move live animals and animal products to the EU from 1 January 2021.

News items:

- Tagging animals for export to the EU and movement to NI from 1 January 2021

V7 – 10 Dec 20

Added links to:

- Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS) - ET 193
- Industry led EU Exit Food Hub

News items:

- Letters to business section updated.

V6 – 19 Nov 20

Added links to:

- Statutory guidance - How to export wild caught marine fishery products to the EU from 01 January 2021
- Help and support if your business trades with the EU
- Nutrition-related labelling, composition and standards from 1 January 2021

News items:

- HMRC letters to businesses about new trade arrangements with the EU from 1 January 2021

V5 – 02 Nov 20

Added links to:

- Importing and exporting plants and plant products from 1 January 2021.
- Export groups of products of animal origin to the EU from 1 January 2021.
- Trading and labelling organic food from 1 January 2021.

News items:

- Updated - guidance on Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS) - Explaining what you need to submit a notification, when to submit it, and added a registration on IPAFFS guide.
- Changes to information you need to provide when importing and exporting hatching eggs and chicks between the UK and EU and non-EU countries.
- Added information on labelling wine imported from EU and non-EU countries. Updated details on importing and exporting wine between the UK and EU and non-EU countries.
- Changes to information you need to provide when importing and exporting hatching eggs and chicks between the UK and EU and non-EU countries.
- How to register for the groupage exports facilitation scheme (GEFS), eligible products, and requirements for exporters and suppliers including inspections.
- Updated - guidance on importing organics from the EU to Great Britain from 1 January 2021.
- Export or move live animals and animal products to the EU from 1 January 2021
- Added guidance on documents you'll need to transport live animals.
- Videos of recent Webinars for exporters of animals and products of animal origin to the EU, added to the page.

V4 – 19 Oct 20:

Added links to:

- Register for the UK's new Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS)
- Export or move live animals and animal products to the EU from 1 January 2021
- Prepare your fisheries business for changes from 1 January 2021
- How to import and export goods between Great Britain and the EU from 1 January 2021

News items:

- Added that you must get pre-authorisation from Defra for high-risk ABPs before any imports take place - Guidance Importing animals, animal products and high-risk food and feed not of animal origin from 1 January 2021
- Updated - How to import and export goods between Great Britain and the EU from 1 January 2021- to remove references to Intrastat declarations for exports. You do not have to submit Intrastat declarations for goods exported from Great Britain to the EU.

V3 – 16 Oct 20:

Added links to:

- FSA – Updated guidance on health and identification marks that applies from 1 January 2021
- Export composite food products to the EU from 1 January 2021
- Poultry meat marketing standards from 1 January 2021
- Hatching eggs and chicks marketing standards from 1 January 2021
- Fresh fruit and vegetable marketing standards from 1 January 2021
- Manufacturing and marketing fertilisers from 1 January 2021

News items:

- Updated details about using the Great Britain Approved Trader Scheme label for fruit and vegetables from 1 January 2021.
- Must get pre-authorisation from Defra for high-risk ABPs before any imports take place.

V2 – 14 Oct 20:

- Added link to the updated Import/Export of Wine guidance.

