

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.

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.

Border and Protocol Delivery Group Case Study Video Series:

A video series on border readiness arrangements at the end of the Transition Period:

- [Video series on Short Straits and Landbridge.](#)
- [Video series on Direct Maritime Routes.](#)

Food and drink businesses: working with the EU

What you need to do as a food and drink business to work with the EU, including:

- [Food labelling](#)
- [Importing and exporting](#)
- [Marketing standards](#)
- [Non-harmonised food products](#)
- [Your employees](#)
- [Data protection](#)

UK Transition continued....

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[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](#)

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

- [HMRC Brexit communications resources](#)

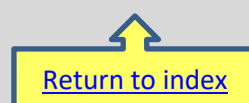
[European Commission - The EU-UK Trade Agreement Explained](#)

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

[Webinars and videos for organisations that trade with the EU](#)

Sign up for webinars and watch videos about trading with the EU. This includes:

- [Importing and exporting goods](#)
- [Trading with the EU](#)
- [Webinars for moving goods between Northern Ireland and Great Britain](#)
- [Webinars for businesses in Scotland](#)
- [Webinars for businesses in Wales](#)
- [Cross-border trade forum](#)





General Exporter Guidance

[Export goods from the UK: step by step](#)

The process for exporting goods to the EU has changed. From 1 January 2021 businesses in Great Britain need to complete the following actions to continue exporting to EU countries.

<https://www.gov.uk/export-goods>

[How to export goods from Great Britain into the EU](#)

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- Find out how to declare goods - you'll need to make customs declarations when exporting goods to the EU.
- Check the new rules for your type of goods
 - [Check what export licenses or certificates you need](#)
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 - [Check the rules for exporting alcohol, tobacco and certain oils](#)
- Make sure you have an EORI number starting with GB - 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% - 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](#)
- Check if you should follow different guidance if you:
 - [sending goods by post](#)
 - [exporting goods to countries outside the EU](#)

[Find the correct Border Control Post for your goods](#)

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- an EU BCP that cannot check your type of animal
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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.

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

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

[Trade with Iceland and Norway](#)

How you import from and export to Iceland and Norway.

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

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/government/collections/guidance-on-importing-and-exporting-live-animals-or-animal-products>

Special rules for export or move live animals to the EU or NI are further detailed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-live-animals-special-rules>

[Export or move livestock and poultry](#)

Exporting or moving livestock (sheep, cattle, pigs and goats) and poultry to, or through:

- the EU
- non-EU countries
- Northern Ireland

[Export plants and plant products from Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#)

Check if you need a licence or phytosanitary certificate to export plants and plant products.

[ECMT international road haulage permits](#)

European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) member countries permits allow you to transport most types of goods (or drive an empty vehicle) through ECMT member countries. [This guidance covers the rules about using your ECMT permits](#), including your drivers carrying the right documents.

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[EU business: importing from the UK](#)

Find out what EU businesses need to do to import from the UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-business-importing-from-the-uk>

[EU guidance](#)

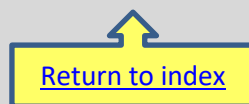
[Guidance: Sanitary and phytosanitary controls on goods imported from the UK into EU entering via France](#) - French Ministry for Agriculture and Food

[Defra Helplines](#)

Select the most appropriate Helpline for the commodity you are exporting to the EU at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-defra>

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- [Data protection](#)

Export food, drink and agricultural products

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

- [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 or move composite food products to the EU or NI

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:

- [What counts as a composite food product](#)
- [What does not count as a composite food product](#)
- [Export or move composite food products from Great Britain to the EU or Northern Ireland](#)
- [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

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](#)

Food and Feeds Exporter Guidance continued....

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[Exporting or moving high risk food and feed of non-animal origin to the EU or Northern Ireland](#)

Guidance on exporting or moving high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin (HRFNAO) from Great Britain to the EU or Northern Ireland

- [Exporting HRFNAO from GB to the EU or moving it to NI](#)
- [If your goods fail inspection at a BCP](#)
- [Banned exports or movements of HRFNAO from GB to EU or NI](#)
- [Arrangements for authorised traders moving food from GB to NI](#)
- [Exporting HRFNAO from Northern Ireland to the EU](#)

[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>

[Find a professional to certify export health certificates](#)

A list of organisations in England that inspect and certify animals and animal products for export can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/find-a-professional-to-certify-export-health-certificates/professionals-in-england-scotland-or-wales-who-can-certify-export-health-certificates>

You can use this list to help you find a veterinary business or local authority that has certifiers permitted to certify your consignment.

[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](#)

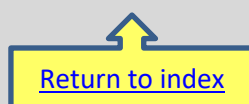
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 - [Get an EORI number](#)
- Check the rate of tax and duty you'll need to pay - you need to pay customs duties and VAT on all imports.
 - [Check the rate of customs duty on imports](#)
 - [Check the rate of VAT](#)
- Check if you can make the importing process quicker - 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](#)
- Check if you should follow different guidance if you are:
 - [receiving goods by post](#) OR [importing goods from countries outside the EU](#)

[Trade with Iceland and Norway](#)

How you import from and export to Iceland and Norway.

General Importer Guidance continued....

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

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](#)

[Using the Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System](#)

Use IPAFFS to notify the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) about imports from EU and EEA countries, excluding Iceland. This includes:

- live animals
- germinal products
- products of animal origin (POAO) under safeguard measures
- high risk ABP

The EEA includes [EU countries](#), Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

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

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[Webinars for importers of food and drink products from the EU to Great Britain](#)

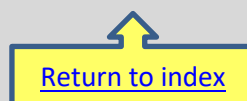
Register for webinars to find out about changes to importing food and drink, including composite food and fishery products from the EU to Great Britain (GB) from 1 April 2021. This includes:

- [Food and drink](#)
- [Composite food products](#)
- [Fish and fishery products](#)
- [EU exporters](#)
- [Rules of origin](#)

[EU business: exporting to the UK](#)

Find out what EU businesses need to do to export to the UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-business-exporting-to-the-uk>





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.

[Importing or moving fish to the UK including from the EU](#)

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.

[Other Guidance](#)

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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.

- [I import seafood to Great Britain](#)
- [I export seafood from Great Britain](#)
- [I process or distribute seafood in Great Britain](#)
- [I catch or farm seafood](#)



Fishery Products Exports

[Fisheries businesses: working after Brexit transition](#)

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

[Export fish to the EU](#)

How to export fish for human consumption from 1 January 2021, what documents you may need and customs rules to follow.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-or-moving-fish-from-the-uk>

To export fish to the EU, 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](#)
- [Composite products](#)
- [Get help with fish export documents](#)

[How to export wild caught marine fishery products to the EU from 1 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 and NI: certificate 8270](#)

You'll need to apply for an export health certificate (EHC) to export fishery products from Great Britain to the EU. 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.

<https://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates/export-fishery-products-intended-for-human-consumption-to-the-eu-certificate-8270>

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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.

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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.

Provisional fishing quota for 2021

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

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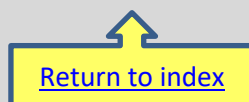
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**Product
Marking,
Labelling &
Marketing**

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-giving-food-information-to-consumers#enforcement-for-brexit-label-changes>

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

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....

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[Export composite food products to the EU](#)

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

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 or GB health and identification marks](#).

Key changes

For POAO produced in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales):

- the 'EC' suffix will be removed from health and identification marks
- the marks will carry the full country name 'United Kingdom' or an abbreviated code 'GB' or 'UK'.

In all cases, the approval number of the establishment, which provides the traceability required, will remain unchanged.

Country of origin labels

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

[Goods sold in the UK](#)

Limitations on continued use EU health and identification marks

[UK products placed on the market before the end of the Transition Period \(11pm GMT on 31 December 2020\)](#)

For products produced on placed on the market before 1 January 2021 you can continue to use the EU oval health and identification mark on products of animal origin (POAO) for sale in the UK up until 30 September 2022.

[UK products placed on the market at 11:01pm GMT on 31 December 2020 and destined for non-EU countries](#)

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

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

[Organic food: labelling rules](#) – how organic food producers, sellers and importers must label organic food products.

Product Marking, Labelling & Marketing continued....

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[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-from-1-january-2021--2>

[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.

General Guidance

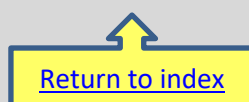
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Northern Ireland Trade

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

What UK businesses need to do to trade with or via Northern Ireland.

<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') took 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 are special provisions which apply only in Northern Ireland while the Protocol is in force.

[Brexit Transition: Moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland](#)

If your business moves goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland it's important you act now to comply with the new rules. This simple guide highlights five key actions you can take now as well as additional guidance and support.

[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)

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

What you need to do to export or move live animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products, including [animal identification \(tagging\) requirements](#).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-on-importing-and-exporting-live-animals-or-animal-products>

General

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

Latest News & Guidance

[.GOV.UK - Transition Period News and Communications](#)

You can subscribe here to receive the latest news about the UK Transition Period and trade arrangements.

The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website's 'Transition period' section. The page title is 'News and communications'. It features a search bar, a 'Sort by' dropdown menu set to 'Updated (newest)', and a list of news items. The first item is titled '£200 million Port Infrastructure Fund opens for bids' and is dated 'Updated: 2 October 2020'. The second item is 'Training fund launched to help vets prepare for 1 January 2021' and is dated 'Updated: 1 October 2020'. The third item is 'Support service for Northern Ireland trade goes live' and is dated 'Updated: 28 September 2020'. The fourth item is 'Meeting of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee on 28 September' and is dated 'Updated: 28 September 2020'.

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

[Delay on date for using AHR EHCs](#)

The EU has confirmed a delay to when traders must start to use the new Export Health Certificates (EHCs).

The new Animal Health Regulation (AHR) EHCs were due to be used from 21 August 2021 for goods moved to Northern Ireland or exported to the EU. However, the EU has confirmed a delay to the date the new EHCs must be signed until 15 January 2022. This includes EHCs for all products of animal origin, live animals, germinal products and composite products.

[Brexit Transition: Moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland](#)

The Cabinet Office publishes a simple guide highlighting five key actions businesses can take to move goods between Great Britain to Northern Ireland .

[HMRC letters to businesses about importing and exporting goods between GB and the EU](#)

HMRC letters to VAT-registered businesses in Great Britain trading with the EU, highlighting the new rules and actions to take for importing goods from or exporting goods to the EU. (25/3/21).

[UK shellfish exports: Environment Secretary's Commons statement, 8 February 2021](#)

Environment Secretary George Eustice answered an urgent question in the House of Commons about the EU's restrictions on the trade in live bivalve molluscs.

Latest News & Guidance continued....

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[Border and Protocol Delivery Group Case Study Video Series:](#)

A video series on border readiness arrangements at the end of the Transition Period now available

- [Video series on Short Straits and Landbridge.](#)
- [Video series on Direct Maritime Routes.](#)

[Print 'GB', 'GBR' or '826' on each egg you're exporting to the EU for people to eat](#)

You risk your eggs being delayed or rejected when they reach the EU if they have the wrong marking.

[Updated Marketing standards for poultry meat exporters to EU](#)

Exports from GB bearing one or more farming or chilling method marks (optional indications) must have a poultry meat optional indications certificate from a GB competent authority.

[Using the Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System](#)

How to use IPAFFS to notify the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) about imports from EU and EEA countries, excluding Iceland.

[One Stop Shop \(v31\) updated - How to export wild caught marine fishery products to the EU from 01 January 2021](#)

- Funding and grants available
- Hints and tips for exporters

[ECMT international road haulage permits](#)

Guidance updated - 'Check if you need ECMT permits' section now makes it clearer when you need ECMT permits, and what other options there are for other types of permits.

[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.

Latest News & Guidance continued....

Latest News & Guidance continued....

[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.

[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](#)

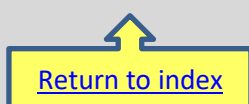
How rules for producing, processing, labelling and trading organic food will change from 1 January 2021. Updated guidance on importing organics from the EU to Great Britain from 1 January 2021.

[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.



VERSION UPDATE LOG

V20 – 7 Sep21

Reverted Advice and Links on:

- Export and movement of fishery products intended for human consumption to the EU and NI: reverting to advice on use of certificate 8270

News items:

- Delay on date for using AHR EHCs – now not required until 15 January 2022.

V19 – 19/8/21

Updated Link:

For live fish, crustaceans and products from these animals intended for human consumption to the European Union and Northern Ireland - certificate 8361 replacing certificate 8720 (defunct from 20/8/21).

V18 – 6/4/21

Added Links to:

- Rules to follow to export cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and poultry.
- Moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.
- Updated links on export or movement of composite food products to the EU or NI

V17 – 31 Mar 21

Added Links to:

- Guidance on exporting or moving high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin (HRFNAO) from GB to the EU or NI.

News items:

- HMRC letters to VAT-registered businesses in Great Britain trading with the EU

V16 – 2 Mar 21

Added links to:

- Food and drink businesses: working with the EU.
- EU business: exporting to the UK - Find out what EU businesses need to do to export to the UK.
- EU business: importing from the UK - Find out what EU businesses need to do to import from the UK.

V15 – 22 Feb 21

Added links to:

- Guidance on trade with Iceland and Norway.
- Webinars for importers of food and drink products from the EU to Great Britain.
- Webinars and videos for organisations that trade with the EU.

V14 – 11 Feb 21

Added links to:

- Guides to importing and exporting goods between Great Britain and the EU
- Several links to guidance updated, to reflect changes to GOV.UK and FSA web-pages.

News items:

- UK shellfish exports: Environment Secretary's Commons statement, 8 February
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V13 – 8 Feb 21

Added links to:

- Find a professional to certify export health certificates.
- Border and Protocol Delivery Group Case Study Video Series.

V12 – 1 Feb 21

Added links to:

- Guidance on ECMT international road haulage permits.
- Updated guidance on use IPAFFS to notify the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) about imports from EU and EEA countries, excluding Iceland.
- Guidance on Export plants and plant products from Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- Revised Organic food labelling rules for organic food producers, sellers and importers.
- Updated links to general food labelling guidance on .GOV.UK webpages.

News items:

- One Stop Shop (v31) updated - How to export wild caught marine fishery products to the EU from 01 January 2021
- Updated Poultry Meat marketing standards for exporters to EU.
- Updated Egg marketing standards.

V11 – 20 Jan 21

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:

- ECMT international road haulage permits (updated 22 Jan).

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.

