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# Brexit Update and Key Messages to Retail Forum

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# Trade will change on 1 January 2021



- The UK formally left the EU on 1 February 2020.
- The UK continue to apply the rules of the Customs Union and Single Market during the transition period.
- From 1 January 2021, the UK will be a third country operating outside the EU's Customs Union and Single Market.
- **New Customs and SPS requirements will apply to trade with Great Britain, regardless of whether there is an EU-UK Trade Agreement.**
- DAFM, in conjunction with other Government Departments and Agencies, has been preparing for Brexit for a number of years.
- Businesses need to get ready for these changes and prepare also.

# Import Controls – What, Why, Where, When?



- Sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) controls are measures to **protect humans, animals, and plants from diseases, pests, or contaminants.**
- The **EU's legislation** lays down a detailed set of these rules to reduce or eliminate the possible risks of animal, plant and public health threats as well as animal and plant diseases being introduced into the EU by **goods coming from non-EU countries.**
- Import control checks carried out at the **Border Control Post** on entry into the EU.
- **From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021** Official Import Controls will apply to animals and goods coming from GB into Ireland **regardless of whether there is an EU/UK Trade Agreement.**

# Types of Import Controls



- **Documentary checks**

- All consignments.

- **Identity checks**

- All consignments of live animals, products of animal origin, germinal products and animal by-products.
- Percentage of consignments of regulated plants and plant products.

- **Physical checks**

- Rates laid down in EU legislation.
- Rates vary depending on the commodity

Examples- 100% for live animals; 30% poultry meat for human consumption; 5% semen and embryos and 1% hay and straw.

# Import Controls- Key Steps for businesses to take



## Now

- Decide who will be the operator responsible for the consignment
- Is operator responsible for the consignment registered? [brexitregistration@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:brexitregistration@agriculture.gov.ie)
- Verify what certificates and other documentation is required to import the consignment (IUU certificates)
- Check will the premises of origin be able to supply the documentation required
- Decide how the freight will be presented- Seals? No. of consignments?

## At least 24 hrs in advance

- Operator responsible for the consignment completes Part 1 of the Common Health Entry Document (CHED) in the TRACES system
- Operator responsible for the consignment submits health certificate and accompanying documentation into DAFM's INIS computer system

## On arrival at the Port

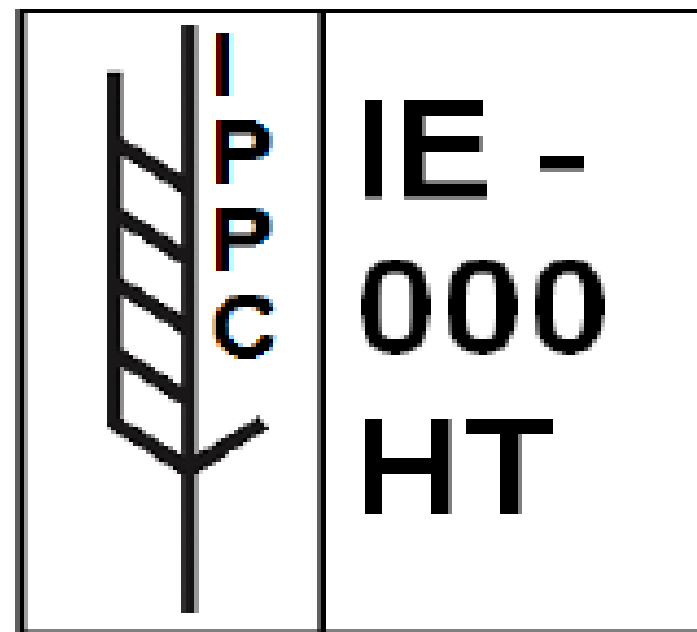
- Ensure driver connectivity for accessing routing in the Ports (available 30 minutes out)
- Exit the Port
- Call to Customs Transit
- Call to Customs Seal check
- Call to Customs
- Call to live animal BCP



# Regulation of Wood Packaging Material (WPM) in International Trade (ISPM 15)



- The purpose of ISPM 15 is, through the treatment of WPM, to help prevent the spread of diseases and insects that could negatively affect trees, plants or ecosystems.
- Any wood packaging associated with goods (pallets, crates, boxes, dunnage) arriving from non-EU countries must be treated and stamped as below.
- From 1 January 2021, these requirements will apply to goods shipped from GB.
- No derogation on these requirements.



# Requirements for Export to the UK



- 13 July – Publication of UK Gov Border Operations Manual (over 200 pages) – a phased approach- January, April, July.
- More detailed information on SPS requirements expected in September /October.
- DAFM export certification systems will be ready to facilitate trade.
- You will need to fully understand and comply with UK Gov requirements if you want to continue to export to UK. Check out <https://www.gov.uk/transition> and <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-to-import-to-great-britain-from-january-2021>

# Landbridge



- Critically important route to market.
- From 1 Jan 2021 animals and goods moving across the UK landbridge must be placed under the customs transit procedure in order to maintain their Union status.
- EU regulations require SPS controls on animals and goods re-entering the Union.
- Technical Amendment to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2124 progressing.
- Intensifying our engagement with relevant Member States to share approaches to internal transits in light of Amendment to DR (EU) 2019/2124 including communications with stakeholders.
- UK - Awaiting clarity on UK SPS requirements.
- Delays expected on UK landbridge.



# Thanks for listening



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