

UK controls on exports from the EU

New controls on exports of sanitary and phytosanitary goods from the EU* to GB come into effect next month

From 1 January 2022

Starting on 1 January 2022, products of animal origin (such as meat, fish, dairy, and composite products), animal by-products and high-risk food not of animal origin that are exported from the EU to Great Britain (GB) will require a pre-notification to be made on IPAFFS (GB's import of products, animals, food and feed system).

The pre-notification must be made by the importer in GB, or a GB-based agent acting on their behalf. This must be done at least four hours before the product arrives in GB. The pre-notification reference number from IPAFFS must be used to complete the customs declaration. Without this number, the consignment is likely to be delayed.

If you export SPS goods from the EU* to GB, you may need to provide the importer in GB with some information for the pre-notification, such as:

- Your approved establishment authorisation code (provided by the European Commission)
- The commodity weight (net kg)
- The origin of the animal product or goods (the country it is being exported from)
- The date the product will arrive in GB
- The port of entry the product will arrive at in GB

As an EU exporter*, you should also:

- Check who will make the pre-notification in GB.
- Make sure the importer has provided a full imports custom declaration using the IPAFFS notification reference number, before the goods arrive at the EU point of departure. If the IPAFFS notification reference number is missing from the customs declaration, the consignment may be delayed.

For further information on how to make a pre-notification using IPAFFS, please [click here](#)

*For Goods moving from Island of Ireland please [click here](#)





Controls on SPS goods entering Great Britain from January 2022

1 January

EU - GB exports of:

- products of animal origin
- animal by-products
- high risk food not of animal origin

require pre-notification of their arrival to be made on IPAFFS 4 hours before entering GB.

IPAFFS code is required for customs declaration.

1 July

Physical, document, ID and certification checks on:

- Remaining regulated animal by-products
- Regulated plants and plant products
- Meat and meat products
- Remaining high-risk food not of animal origin

1 September

Physical, document, ID and certification checks on:

- Dairy products

1 November

Physical, document, ID and certification checks on:

- Products of animal origin
- Composite products
- Fish products

