



Importing Groupage Loads from the European Union into Great Britain.

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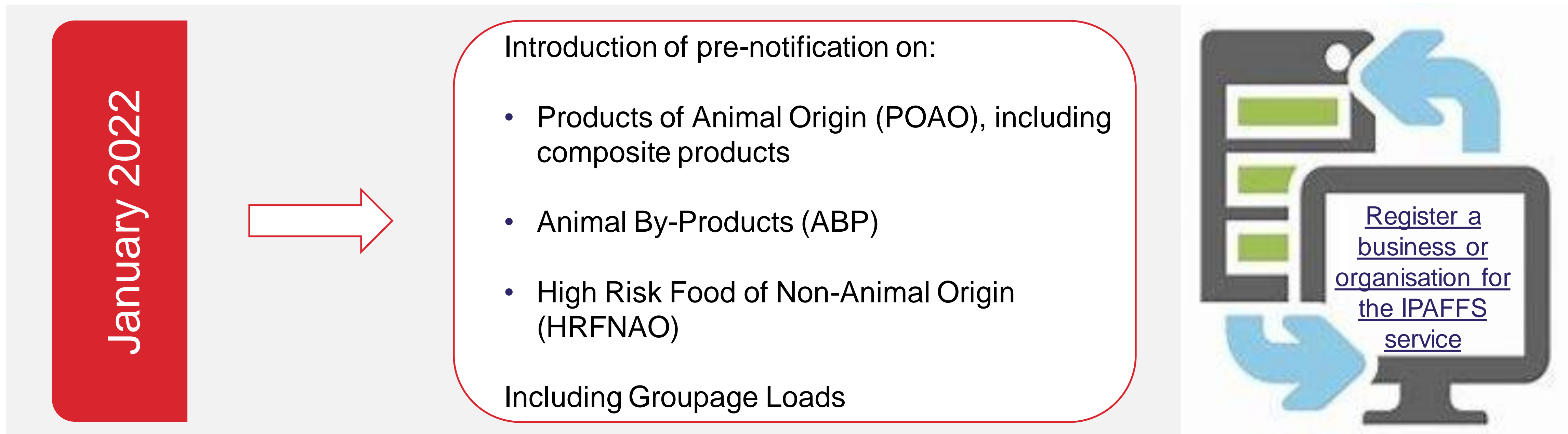
Agenda

- January 2022 changes for imports
- New phased approach to import controls
- July 2022 Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) requirements
- Groupage models (EU – GB)
- Seals

➤ What changed in January 2022

Since 1 January 2022 you have been required to pre-notify using the Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS).

This will continue and the phased July 2022 import and check controls will be in addition to the pre-notification.



New Phased Approach to Import Controls

From 1 July 2022; your consignment must be routed and enter via a point of entry with a border control post that has been designated to receive those goods.

Documentary, identity and physical checks, by commodity groups for animal products will be introduced in three phases. The timetable is as follows:

From 1 July; certification, documentary, identity, and physical checks will be introduced for:

- All remaining regulated animal by-products
- All meat and meat products

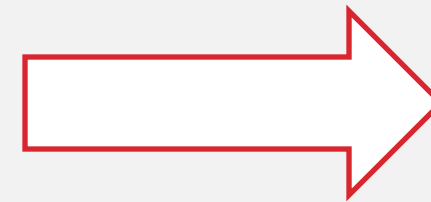
From 1 September; certification, documentary, identity and physical checks will be introduced for all dairy products.

From 1 November; certification, documentary, identity and physical checks will be introduced for all remaining regulated products of animal origin, including composite and fish products.

This phased approach does not replace any existing import controls already in place and you should continue to follow these for importing your consignments.

What is changing in July 2022

July 2022



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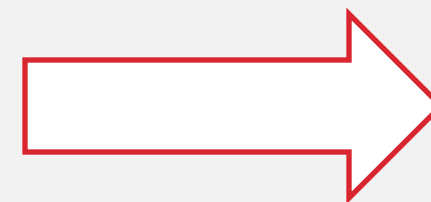
Consignments must be accompanied by a certified Export Health Certificate (EHC)

Introduction of documentary, identity, and physical checks for the following:

- Meat and meat products for human consumption
- Animal By Products (ABP)

What is changing in September 2022

September 2022



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Introduction of documentary, identity, and physical checks for the following:

- Dairy and dairy products



What is changing in November 2022

November 2022



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Introduction of documentary, identity, and physical checks for the following:

- All other regulated products, including composite and fish products

Groupage - Export Health Certificate (EHC)

Consignments must be accompanied by a certified Export Health Certificate (EHC)

- It is recommended that all sections of the EHC are completed with the relevant information to ensure compliance.
- This means some Export Health Certificates explicitly requires the means of transport to be inspected to confirm products are transported in a suitable manner.
- There are instances where the consignment transport details are not yet known.
- In these instances, you can add 'groupage' in place of the vehicle registration number on the EHC.
- This is permissible only for an individual EU to GB consignment of animal products, where the consignment forms part of a groupage or mixed load.
- This guidance only applies when completing the physical EHC.

This means...

EU exporter to review commodity certification requirements to determine if an **EHC** is required. For further information on EHCs see [guidance](#). For information on how to organise an EHC, please contact your competent authority.

GB importer/agent to submit a **pre-notification** on [IPAFFS](#). As standard, notification is required at least 24 hours ahead of arrival, check with the [PHA](#) for any derogations. The EHC and commercial documents must be attached to the notification.

Before dispatch, check that the consignment will be entering via a Point of Entry (**PoE**) with a Border Control Post (**BCP**) that has been designated to receive those goods.

You will be subject to **remote documentary checks** and informed if you are subject to further inspection at the BCP.

Inspection: If selected for inspection. Your consignment will be subject to **documentary, identity and physical checks** at the BCP, and your consignment may not be cleared to leave the PoE until all inspections are successfully completed.

Groupage Loads



Definition

‘Groupage’ is not a legally recognised term but rather a word industry uses to define many different things. Within this presentation it is defined as the commercial grouping of multiple consignments within the same means of transport.

For example:

- **Mixed consignment:** multiple product lines of the same commodity type (e.g. composite products) grouped under a single export health certificate and imported as a single consignment
- **Multiple quantities of the same commodity type:** (e.g. fish products) potentially from several sources grouped into the same container. It may be possible to import these as a single consignment covered by a single export health certificate or as a mixed load (containing several consignments)
- **Mixed load:** multiple different commodity types (e.g. dairy products and meat products) grouped in a single sealed trailer or container

Groupage Guidance

Groupage is an initiative to support the end to end importing process from EU to GB for animal products.

- These models are specific and applicable to consignments of animal products for import into the GB market from 1 July 2022.
- These models are focused on individual EU to GB consignments of animal products, where the consignment forms part of a groupage or mixed load.
- If you wish to import other commodity types or goods within the same means of transport, you must observe the GB import requirements relevant to all commodities.
- If a consignment within your groupage load is selected for a documentary, identity, and physical check at the BCP, please note, the full load of multiple consignments may be held until the inspection is complete.

Groupage – Composite Products

- From 1 July 2022, imports of composite products from the EU must enter Great Britain through a point of entry with an appropriately designated Border Control Post (BCP) that can accept these composite products unless the composite product is exempt from certification.
- Some composite products are exempt from import controls. Exempt products do not need:
 - an export health certificate - they need a commercial document instead
 - to be pre-notified
 - to enter Great Britain through a Point of Entry (PoE) with a Border Control Post (BCP) - they can enter through any Point of Entry
- For the groupage models, however, if you choose to move a mix of consignments, some of which are exempt and some that are not exempt, the overall load must enter via a point of entry with an appropriately designated BCP that can accept and check those products in the mixed consignment that are not exempt from certification and checks.

Groupage Models

- Consolidation Hub
- Linear / Multiple Pallets
- Hybrid Approach

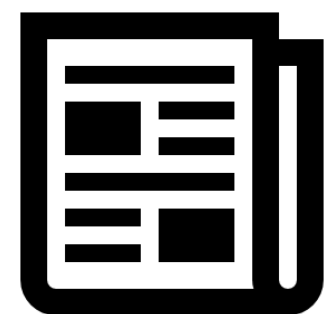
- **Sequential** (Only applicable from the end of the import controls phasing period)



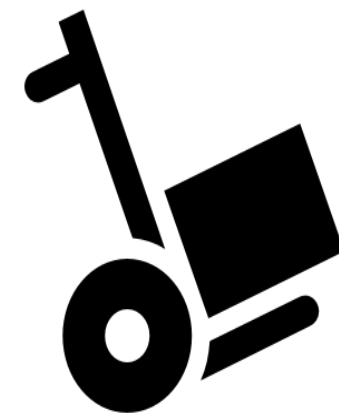
Consolidation Hub Model

- Individual consignments are brought together at a single premise (Consolidation Hub)
- The certifying officer completes certification for all individual consignments
- The individual consignments are loaded together and sealed before they leave for onward destination

Consolidation Hub



Preparation



At each pick-up point

1. Each EU exporter ensures their individual consignment meets relevant GB import requirements, found on the [Import goods into the UK: step by step gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/import-goods-into-the-uk) page and from July 2022 ensures any supporting information needed for the EHC is provided

2. GB importer - person responsible for the individual consignment must ensure they are registered on IPAFFS to complete the pre-notification for each of the individual consignments collected in the load

Consolidation Hub



Consolidation hub

3. From July 2022, EU Member State Certifying Officer inspects and certifies each individual consignment received at consolidation hub

4. If it is an EHC requirement, an official seal is applied to the means of transport and recorded on the relevant EHCs and the individual IPAFFS pre-notification

5. From July 2022, GB importer (person responsible for the individual consignment) receives a copy of the EHC from the EU exporter and submits the pre-notification via IPAFFS

Consolidation Hub



Leaving the EU



Crossing

6. Haulier completes customs procedures per HMRC requirements

7. From July 2022, a notification will be issued on whether the consignment has been selected for additional checks at the BCP



Consolidation Hub / Single Seal



Arriving in GB



Destination

8. From July 2022, consignments may be subject to further inspection, including; documentary, identity, and physical checks

9. Driver delivers consignments at relevant drop-off destinations in GB



Linear – Multiple Pallet

- Designed to facilitate pick-ups from multiple sites, with certification at each pick-up point
- Pallet-level sealing
- Sealed pallets are added to the means of transport and the unique official seal number recorded on the EHC
- Requires certifying officer attendance at each pick-up point

Linear – Multiple Pallet



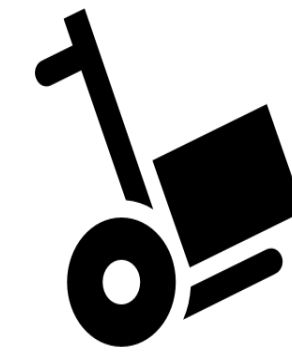
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Linear – Multiple Pallet



At first pick-up point

3. From July 2022, EU Member State Certifying Officer inspects and certifies each individual consignment received at pick-up point/consolidation hub

4. Individual consignment (at pallet level) is securely wrapped and sealed in the presence of the Certifying Officer

5. From July 2022, an EHC is created for each consignment, with a unique (pallet level) seal number

6. From July 2022, GB importer (person responsible for the individual consignment) receives a copy of the EHC from the EU exporter and submits the pre-notification via IPAFFS

Linear – Multiple Pallet



At subsequent pick-up points

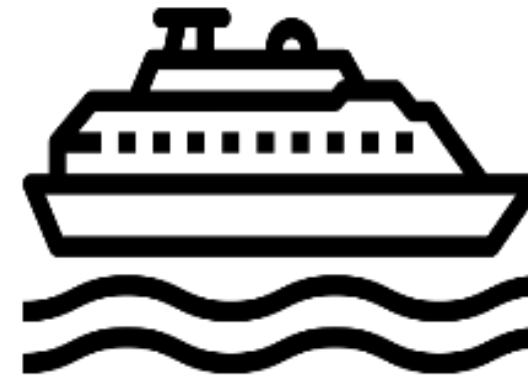
7. Steps 3 – 6 repeated at each pick-up point by the responsible individuals



Linear – Multiple Pallet



Leaving the EU



Crossing

8. Haulier completes customs procedures per HMRC requirements

9. An overall commercial seal can be applied by the haulier

10. From July 2022, a notification will be issued on whether the consignment has been selected for additional checks at the BCP

Linear – Multiple Pallet



Arriving in GB



Destination

11. From July 2022, consignments may be subject to further inspection, including; documentary, identity, and a physical checks

12. The driver delivers consignments at relevant drop-off destinations in GB



Hybrid Approach

- All models may be used in conjunction with each other if the general principles around, certification and full traceability remain for each product entering Great Britain.
- For example, traders may blend the linear model with the consolidation hub
 - *some goods could arrive sealed and certified from previous pick-up points at pallet level via the linear model to a consolidation hub.*
 - *additional consignments can be added to the load and sealed. Meaning, within the load you have some consignments that have applied the linear model and some that have applied the consolidation hub model.*

Sequential Model (Applicable at the end of phasing period)

The Sequential Model will become available once the import controls phasing in period is complete; estimated November 2022.

- Facilitates pick-ups from multiple sites
- Certification takes place at each site, an official seal applied to the overall load at each pick-up point, removed and replaced at the next pick-up point
- Reliant upon Certificate of Non-Manipulation (CoNM)

Sequential (Applicable at the end of phasing period)



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Sequential (Applicable at the end of phasing period)

At first pick-up point

3. EU Member State Certifying Officer inspects and certifies each individual consignment received at first pick-up point

4. An official seal is applied to the means of transport and recorded on the relevant EHCs and the individual IPAFFS pre-notification

5. From July 2022, GB importer (person responsible for the individual consignment) receives a copy of the EHC from the EU exporter and submits the pre-notification via IPAFFS

Sequential (Applicable at the end of phasing period)



At subsequent pick-up points

6. Certifying Officer breaks previous seal and issues an EHC for the products added to the consignment, which is then loaded to the transport

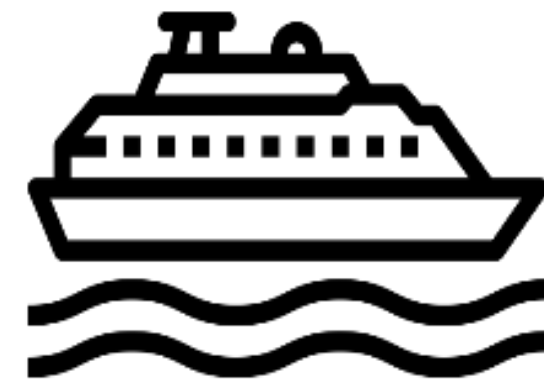
7. Certificate of Non-Manipulation (CoNM) is used to record changes to seal numbers

8. Steps 3 – 7 repeated at each pick-up point by the responsible individuals

Sequential (Applicable at the end of phasing period)



Leaving the EU



Crossing

9. Haulier completes customs procedures per HMRC requirements

10. A notification will be issued on whether the consignment has been selected for additional checks at the BCP

Sequential (Applicable at the end of phasing period)



Arriving in GB



Destination

11. Consignments may be subject to further inspection, including; documentary, identity, and a physical checks

12. The driver delivers consignments at relevant drop-off destinations in GB

Certificate of Non-Manipulation (CoNM)

- The use of the Certificate of Non-Manipulation is not mandatory and is a decision for the GB importer, EU exporter and the EU member state competent authority to make
- Signed by the Certifying Officer(s)
- The use of a Certificate of Non-Manipulation can only work if all the consignments in the sequence of pickup points apply it
- The completed Certificate of Non-Manipulation can be uploaded to IPAFFS as part of the pre-notification
- The driver will need to carry the completed Certificate of Non-Manipulation with the load, and is updated as each consignment is added

Certificate of Non-Manipulation (CoNM)

The Certificate of Non-Manipulation attests to the following:

- the seal on the means of transport was intact, and its number matched those mentioned on the export health certificate(s) accompanying that consignment
- the 'old' seal on means of transport was removed under official supervision to load the new consignment
- a 'new' seal was applied to the means of transport under official supervision
- both the new seal number and the new export health certificate number were recorded on the Certificate of Non-Manipulation
- during this process, the consignments already on the means of transport have not been tampered with

Seals



- You should check the relevant export health certificate and associated guidance notes for information on sealing requirements for specific product types.
- Sealing should be discussed with Certifying Officers (COs). Only COs can record official seals on an EHC, and the seal must be applied under their supervision.
- Seal numbers cannot be added, or amended, on an EHC after it has been certified by the CO.
- An official seal alone does not remove or reduce any official import control checks at the BCP.



Types of Seals

Official

An official seal is affixed to the container, truck, or rail wagon under the supervision of the certifying officer issuing the export health certificate.

Commercial

A commercial seal is essentially a non-official seal. This means it was not affixed under the supervision of the certifying officer and therefore is not recorded on the export health certificate.



Pallet or Load Level Seals

Essential Characteristics

The seals must:

- remain intact and securely fastened
- be
- easy to check and recognise
- manufactured so that any breakage or removal leaves traces visible to the naked eye, and designed for single-use
- if intended for multiple uses, be designed so that they can be given a clear individual identification mark each time they are re-used
- you should not expect the Certifying Officer to provide seals





 Thank you for your time

