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# Groupage Consolidation Hub

- Different consignments are brought together at a single premise – a consolidation hub. An EU Member State Certifying Officer (usually an Official Veterinarian) certifies all individual consignments. The certified consignments are then loaded and sealed before departure.
- If, as part of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) requirements, an official seal is mandatory then it must be applied to the consignment under the supervision of the certifying officer. The official seal number is then added to the EHC and the individual Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS) pre-notification.
- You can also decide to apply a seal for commercial reasons. This would be a commercial seal and does not need to be applied under the supervision of a

certifying officer. For further information, please refer to the EHC guidance notes.

## For official sealing

- An EU Member State Certifying Officer (usually an Official Veterinarian) must be present at the consolidation hub.
- The Certifying Officer may also require additional information/attestations to provide the assurances necessary for certification and if necessary, certify an official seal on the means of transport upon loading.
- It is for the Certifying Officer issuing the EHC to determine if the correct information has been supplied.

### Preparation

1. Each EU exporter is responsible for ensuring their individual consignment meets relevant Great Britain (GB) import requirements and ensures any supporting information needed for the EHC is provided



### At each collection point

2. The 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



### At consolidation hub

3. 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. GB importer receiving the load receives EHCs and submits the pre-notification via IPAFFS
6. Haulier completes customs procedures as per HMRC requirements



### Leaving EU, crossing and arriving in GB BCP

7. A notification will be issued on whether the individual consignment has been selected for additional checks at the BCP (Border Control Post)
8. Individual consignments will be subject to remote documentary checks, and may be subject to identity and physical checks at the BCP



### At destination

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





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# Linear/Multiple Pallet-Level Seal

- This model relies on pallet-level sealing. It allows pick-up from multiple sites, with certification at each pick-up point in the chain. Sealed pallets are added to the means of transport and the individual seal number on the pallet recorded on the Export Health Certificate (EHC). There is no requirement for a certificate of non-manipulation.
- The certifying officer issues individual export health certificates for each consignment. The unique pallet official seal number is recorded on the relevant EHCs and the individual IPAFFS pre-notification. A commercial seal can also be applied to the overall means of transport.

## For official sealing

- An EU Member State Certifying Officer (usually an Official Veterinarian) must be present at all pick-up points.
- The Certifying Officer may also require additional information/attestations to provide the assurances necessary for certification and if necessary, certify an official seal on the means of transport upon loading.
- It is for the Certifying Officer issuing the EHC to determine if the correct information has been supplied.

### Preparation

Each EU exporter is responsible for ensuring their individual consignment meets relevant Great Britain (GB) import requirements and ensures supporting information needed for the EHC is provided



### At each collection point

1. The 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



### At consolidation hub

2. EU Member State Certifying Officer inspects and certifies each individual consignment received at pick-up point/consolidation hub
3. Individual consignment (at pallet level) is securely wrapped and sealed in the presence of the Certifying Officer
4. An EHC is created for each consignment, with a unique (pallet level) seal number
5. GB importer receiving the load receives EHCs and submits the pre-notification via IPAFFS
6. Steps 3 - 6 repeated at each pick-up point by the responsible individuals



### Leaving EU, crossing and arriving in GB BCP (Border Control Post)

7. Haulier completes customs procedures as per HMRC requirements
8. An overall commercial seal can be applied by the haulier
9. A notification will be issued on whether the individual consignment has been selected for additional checks at the BCP
10. Individual consignments will be subject to remote documentary checks, and may be subject to identity and physical checks at the BCP



### At destination

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

