

Model A. 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 commercially chosen, and when required, an official seal is applied to the means of transport and certified on the relevant EHCs and the individual IPAFFS pre-notification.
- It is noted that a commercial seal may be placed instead, where an official seal is not compulsory, this information is stated in the EHC.
- For official sealing
 - The presence of EU Member State Certifying Officer (usually an Official Veterinarian) at the consolidation point is essential.
 - 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.
 - Fundamentally, it is for the Certifying Officer issuing the EHC to determine if the correct information has been supplied.



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

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

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

4. If commercially chosen, and when required, an official seal is applied to the means of transport and certified 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

7. GB authorities carry out remote document checks on the EHCs to ensure that each consignment meets relevant GB import requirements

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

9. Individual consignments may be subject to further inspection, including documentary, ID and a physical check

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