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# Landbridge Transits through Great Britain – Key Information

**New Requirements for EU-origin goods transiting from an EU country to another EU country via Great Britain.**

## Background

Landbridge transits are the movement of EU-origin animals and animal products from one EU country to another EU country, passing through Great Britain (GB). The rules for transits are laid down in retained EU law.

Currently, there are controls in place for live animals and some animal products transiting through GB, these will continue and there are some updates to these processes. Please do familiarise yourself with these.

Additionally, new import controls are being introduced for all other products of animal origin (POAO) and animal by-products (ABP) from 1 January 2022. These will apply to landbridge transits from continental EU countries to the island of Ireland via GB. In line with the [Written Ministerial Statement](#) on Wednesday 15 December, landbridge transits from the island of Ireland to the European continent via GB are exempt from these new requirements until further notice.

## New Requirements from 1 January

### Live Animals

From 1 January 2022, live animals transiting through GB will need to be pre-notified on IPAFFS at least 24 hours before they enter GB. You do not need a GB transit Export Health Certificate (EHC); however, you must attach a copy of the ITAHC to the IPAFFS notification. IPAFFS pre-notification will not replace your intra EU movement on TRACES.



You will also need to inform GB authorities once the consignment has left GB by emailing APHA at [ImportsRiskManagement@apha.gov.uk](mailto:ImportsRiskManagement@apha.gov.uk) with the subject line 'confirmation that a consignment has left Great Britain territory'.

The email needs to include the following information:

- IPAFFS notification reference number
- details of means of transport
- date consignment has left GB territory
- copy of commercial documents (bill of lading or airway bill)

You must follow [animal welfare requirements](#) for animals transiting GB. The consignment can enter and exit GB through any point of entry until 30 June 2022. This policy will apply until further notice.

### **Germinal products and POAO under safeguard measures**

From 1 January 2022, germinal products and POAO under safeguard measures transiting through GB will need to be pre-notified on IPAFFS at least 24 hours before they enter GB. You do not need a GB transit EHC; however, you must attach a copy of the ITAHC to the IPAFFS notification. IPAFFS pre-notification will not replace your intra EU movement on TRACES.

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- copy of commercial documents (bill of lading or airway bill)

The consignment can enter and exit GB through any point of entry until 30 June 2022. This policy will apply until further notice.

### **High-Risk Animal By-Products**

From 1 January 2022, high risk ABP transiting through GB will need to be pre-notified on IPAFFS and have a copy of the DOCOM uploaded at least 24 hours before they enter GB. IPAFFS prenotification will not replace your intra EU movement on TRACES. You will also need to inform GB authorities once the consignment has left GB by emailing APHA at



UK TRANSITION [ImportsRiskManagement@apha.gov.uk](mailto:ImportsRiskManagement@apha.gov.uk) with the subject line 'confirmation that a consignment has left Great Britain territory'. The email will need to include the following information:

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- copy of commercial documents (bill of lading or airway bill)

The consignment can enter and exit GB through any point of entry until 30 June 2022. This policy will apply until further notice.

### **All other Products of Animal Origin (POAO) and Animal By-Products (ABPs)**

From 1 January 2022, all other POAO and ABP from continental EU countries to the island of Ireland via GB will need to be pre-notified on IPAFFS at least four hours before they arrive into GB.

You will also need to inform GB authorities once the consignment has left GB by emailing [GBtransit-notification@defra.gov.uk](mailto:GBtransit-notification@defra.gov.uk) with the subject line 'confirmation that a consignment has left Great Britain territory'.

The email will need to include the following information:

- IPAFFS notification reference number
- details of means of transport
- date consignment has left GB territory
- copy of commercial documents (bill of lading or airway bill)

Please read the [privacy notice](#) for how information sent to the mailbox will be used.

These goods can enter and exit GB through any point of entry until 30 June 2022.

### **Transits - Island of Ireland to European Continent via Great Britain**

From 1 January 2022, all other POAO and low risk ABP moving from the Island of Ireland to continental EU countries via GB are exempt from these new requirements until further notice.

You do not need to pre-notify these consignments.

For further information on transiting consignments and live animals through GB visit [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

If you have any questions, please contact: [traders@defra.gov.uk](mailto:traders@defra.gov.uk)

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Animal and Animal Imports (EU to GB)

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## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I need an IPAFFS account to pre-notify?**

Yes, before you can complete a pre-notification, you will need an [IPAFFS account](#).

To register for an IPAFFS account you will need to set up a Government Gateway account and create a Defra account for the service. An email address is required, if you are a limited company you will also need your companies house number.

You should decide who is the responsible person to register the business or organisation before you register. The first person to register the business or organisation will automatically become the organisation administrator for that business. You'll then have permission to invite and remove other team members. Therefore, you should read the guidance and discuss the correct person in your organisation to manage your IPAFFS account access.

Once registered as an administrator for your business, you can invite team members to use your organisation's account so that they can view, submit and manage import notifications on behalf of your organisation.

If you already have an account, please log into government gateway account and Defra account. If you have any issues accessing your account, please [email](#) the APHA service desk. To support you with registration, we have developed step-by-step [guidance](#) and a demonstration [video](#).

- **For animals products transiting EU-GB-EU, who completes the pre-notification?**

We understand that some EU based exporters will not have had time to establish a UK based entity that is responsible for the consignment as it transits across GB.

From January to July the EU based exporter will be able to raise the entry and exit notifications for EU origin landbridge movements only.

From 1 July, the IPAFFS system will no longer allow the EU based exporter to complete the notification without an established UK based entity or a UK agent employed to act on your behalf.

This temporary easement does not apply to any non-EU goods that transit across GB, unless they have undergone full animal and public health checks and been cleared for circulation on the EU market.



- **What information do I need to pre-notify on IPAFFS?**

The following information is needed to complete a pre-notification on IPAFFS; therefore, you may need to speak to your exporter in advance to ensure you have all the relevant information.

**Information needed for pre-notification**

- What type of animal product or goods you're importing (POAO, ABP, HRFNAO)
- Origin of the animal product or goods (which country is it being exported from)
- Commodity code (if you need help classifying your goods, you can search for an appropriate code using the [trader tariff tool](#))
- Commodity type (Selectable from a predefined list)
- Species of the commodity (Selectable from a predefined list)
- Commodity weight (net kg)
- Date of arrival into GB
- Reason for importing consignment (internal market, transit, research, etc)
- Consignment's place of destination
- Addresses and contact details for place of origin, importer and place of destination
- Details of port of entry and port of exit

A step by step [guide](#) and [video](#) are available on how to complete each section of the IPAFFS pre-notification.

- **Can I do one notification on IPAFFS for my full consignment, even if it includes several different products and going to multiple destinations?**

From 1 January to 30 June 2022, you are required to notify each product type on IPAFFS and not the full consignment in one notification.

Example one: your consignment includes 100 pork joints, 500 packs of cheese, 200 cans of pet food and, is destined for two different locations. You will need three notifications because you have three different product types (pork, cheese and petfood) even though two products are going to the same address.

Example two: if your consignment includes 100 packs of cheddar, 100 packs of mozzarella cheese, 100 packs of brie, 50 pork joints and is destined for two different locations .

You will need two notifications because you have three of the same product types, cheese that is going to the same location and one product type, pork that is going to a different location. Pre-notifications for different products can only be grouped in one if they are the same product type and are being sent to the same place of destination.



- **Do these transit rules apply if goods are transiting through Northern Ireland?**

No, these rules do not apply if the goods are EU-origin animals and animal products moving from one EU country to another EU country and are passing through Northern Ireland.

- **How long will these rules apply for the Island of Ireland?**

The current arrangements will continue until further notice - but will we ensure we give businesses suitable notice before announcing further changes.

- **When will you inform us about the requirements from 1 July 2022?**

We will provide information on the requirements for transits from 1 July 2022 in due course. We will do this in good time, so you are prepared for any changes to the requirements.

- **When do I have to do to let authorities know that my goods have left GB territory?**

The notification e-mail must be sent as soon as possible after the goods have left GB territory.

- **What happens if I don't let authorities know that my goods have left GB territory?**

Notifying GB authorities that your consignment has left GB territory is a legal requirement.

- **What happens to the information we email you about leaving GB, do you provide us with a green light to continue our journey?**

Details about how the information sent to the [GBtransit-notification@defra.gov.uk](mailto:GBtransit-notification@defra.gov.uk) mailbox is used can be found in this [privacy notice](#).