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# Exporting Sanitary and Phytosanitary Goods to the UK

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## Sanitary and phytosanitary controls - exports from the EU to GB

- New Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) controls applied to certain goods imported to GB from the EU as of 1 January 2021
- New controls apply to importing and exporting of [live animals, animal products, fish and shellfish and their products](#), [plants and plant products](#) and high-risk food not of animal origin

### Controls will be introduced in stages (some are already in force) and include the requirements for:

- Import pre-notifications and phytosanitary certificates for plants and plant products
- Pre-notifications and health certification (such as an Export Health Certificate or Phytosanitary Certificate) on live animals and animal products (incl. fishery products)
- EU exporters will be required to obtain the relevant health documentation
- Documentary, identity and physical checks at the border or inland
- Entry via a point of entry with an appropriate Border Control Post with relevant checking facilities from 1 July 2021



## What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on POAO?

### From October 2021:

- POAO for human consumption must be accompanied by a GB health certificate and pre-notified using IPAFFS.
- ABP not for human consumption must be accompanied by a GB health certificate or official declaration.
- The requirements already in place for live animals and germinal products will continue.

### From January 2022:

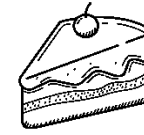
- POAO require pre-notification using IPAFFS and must be accompanied by a GB health certificate unless exempt. ABP must be accompanied by a GB health certificate or other official documentation, depending on the ABP commodity being imported.
- Germinal products must continue to be accompanied by a GB health certificate and pre-notified in IPAFFS. Physical and identity checks of high-priority plants and plant products will move from Places of Destination to Border Control Posts.

### From March 2022:

- Live animals must enter via established point of entry with an appropriate BCP for documentary, identity and physical checks.
- High-risk live animals imported from the EU to GB will continue to be checked at 100%.
- Physical and identity checks on all regulated plants and plant products being carried out at Border Control Posts.



# Composite Products



**Overview:** Composite products are food containing both **processed** products of animal origin (POAO) and products of plant origin.

**Composite products must follow the phased requirements of POAO. These goods must be pre-notified, subject to BCP veterinary checks and accompanied by a GB health certificate from October 2021 if they contain processed meat, milk, egg or fishery products, unless otherwise exempt.**

## Some goods are exempt if they:

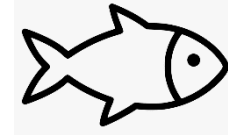
- contain **<50%** processed animal product;
- contain **no meat product**; and
- meet the requirements in **Article 6 of Decision 2007/275**.

## Some composite products and foodstuffs which are not subject to veterinary checks include:

- Confectionery (including sweets) and chocolate, containing less than 50% of processed dairy and egg products
- Pasta and noodles containing less than 50% of processed dairy and egg products
- Bread, cakes, biscuits, waffles and wafers and toasted bread that contain less than 20% of processed dairy and egg products
- Soup stocks and flavourings that contain less than 50% of fish oils, fish powders or fish extracts



# Exporting Fish to GB



## Overview

Imports or movements of fish from the EU do not need to enter at a border control post until January 2022.

Importers of containerised fish need to submit a catch certificate, processing statement or proof of storage where required. Imports of fish and shellfish to Great Britain must also be pre-notified on IPAFFS.

Importers of fish will need proof of storage from the exporter and a processing statement from exporter.

At the point of entry, all goods will be subject to documentary and ID checks and a small proportion of goods will be subject to physical checks.

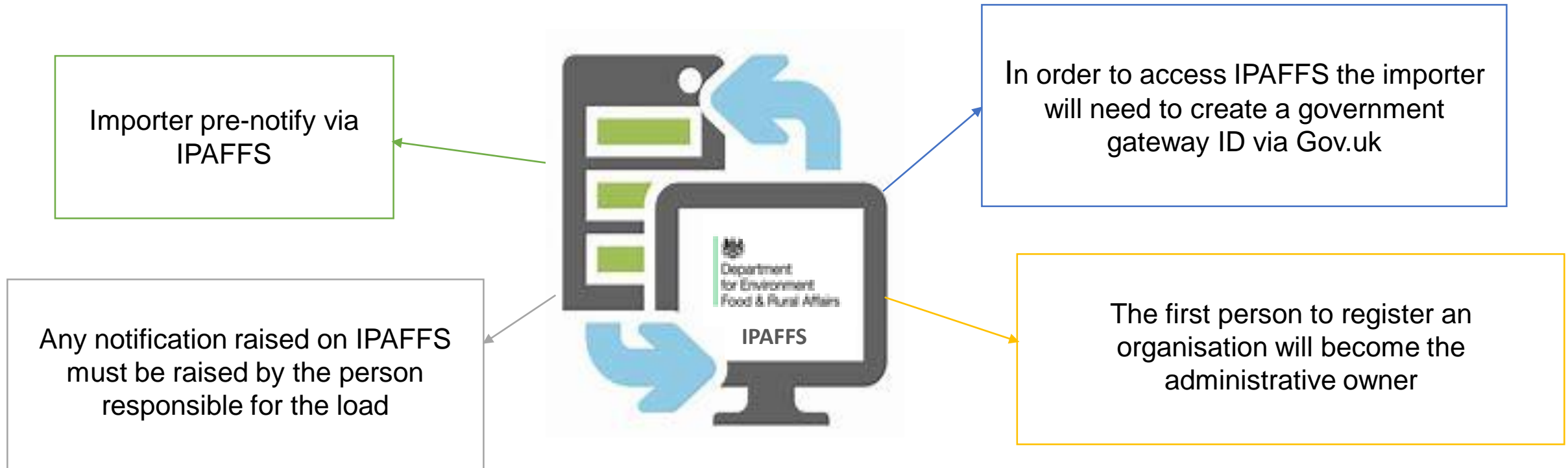
- **1 October 2021:** pre-notify the import on IPAFFS and upload a digital copy of your EHC
- **1 January 2022:** enter via a point of entry with a border control post

You need to be able to prove the origin of goods, according to the Product Specific Rules in the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

# Importer Pre-Notifications Process: IPAFFS

**Overview:** From October 2021, POAO for human consumption and some ABP arriving from the EU or EEA countries will need to be pre notified via The Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS)

**IPAFFS:** GB national system for notification of the arrival of SPS goods into Great Britain. Below is the process the importer must take:





# Health Certificates



## General Overview

**As of January 2021:** POAO under safeguard measures accompanied by a health certificate.

**From October 2021:** POAO for human consumption and ABP not for human consumption must be accompanied by a health certificate.

## Certification Steps

1. The **health certificate** is issued by the competent authority in the EU country.
2. The **EU exporter** is responsible for obtaining the health certificate.
3. The **EU exporter** must provide the importer with an electronic copy of the health certificate for it to be uploaded to IPAFFS.
4. The **EU exporter** must ensure a physical copy travels with the consignment.

## Links to further information:

- Model health certificates are available [here](#)
- **If there is no GB health certificate for your commodity visit [Gov.uk](#) for an import licence**
- If there is no import licence, you should complete an [IV58 form](#) on gov.uk and email a completed version to [imports@apha.gov.uk](mailto:imports@apha.gov.uk)



## Be prepared...

Actions to take 1<sup>st</sup>  
October 2021

- For POAO and ABP not for human consumption:
- Make sure you provide the importer with an electronic copy of the **health certificate**.
  - Make certain the **health certificate travels with** the consignment.

Actions to take 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 2022 (Plants)

- Make sure your consignment has a **phytosanitary certificate** and that it travels with the consignment where possible.
- Make sure the importer submits a pre-notification.

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