



## **Brexit Notice**

### **Movement of Equines between Ireland and the UK from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

#### **Movement of equines between Ireland and Northern Ireland from 1st January 2021**

Ireland and Northern Ireland have agreed a Bipartite Agreement effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to facilitate continued movement of horses, except those for slaughter, without animal health certification.

#### **Movement of equines between Ireland and Great Britain from 1st January 2021**

As the Tripartite Agreement will no longer apply to Great Britain (GB), the following requirements will apply:

##### **Equines moving from GB to Ireland**

- 1)** Equines must be exported from GB to Ireland in accordance with Customs procedures. Please see <https://www.revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/brexit/index.aspx> for further information.
- 2)** Equines travelling from GB may only enter Ireland via one of the following Border Control Posts (BCP): Dublin Airport, Shannon Airport, Dublin Port or Rosslare Port.
- 3)** Prior notification must be provided to the BCP at least 24 hours in advance of arrival. The importer responsible for the consignment must submit Part I of a Common Health Entry Document (CHED-A) via the Trade Control and Expert System, New Technology (TRACES NT).  
To register for TRACES NT, please contact [BrexitRegistration@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:BrexitRegistration@agriculture.gov.ie).
- 4)** Equines travelling from GB must be accompanied by:
  - a)** A valid identification document.
  - b)** A completed Export Health Certificate issued by the UK authorities including a declaration completed by the owner or their representative. Details of how to obtain an Export Health Certificate in GB are available at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-horses-and-ponies-from-1-january-2021>



- c) Failure to provide correct documentation may result in the consignment being rejected at the BCP.
- d) Documentary, identity and physical inspections will be performed on equine consignments at the BCP of entry. Upon satisfactory completion of inspections, the decision is entered in Part 2 of the CHED-A and a hard copy provided to the operator.
- e) This completed document must accompany the equines to the place of destination indicated in the CHED- A.
- f) Hay/straw/wood bedding required for equine welfare during transport will not be subject to official controls at the BCP.
- g) Depending on the type of equine, and type of movement, disease testing is required as follows:
  - **Equine Infectious Anaemia**  
Testing within 90 days of travel for temporary exports (of under 90 days) for registered equines or within 30 days of travel for permanent exports of registered equines and temporary exports of unregistered equines.
  - **Equine Viral Arteritis**  
Testing within 21 days of travel for uncastrated male equines older than 180 days, unless they meet vaccination requirements.
- h) Depending on the type of equine and type of movement, there may a requirement for an equine entering Ireland from GB to be resident on the holding of origin in GB, or in an EU country, for a specified number of days before departure from GB. Full details of residency and isolation requirements in GB for exports from GB to Ireland are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-horses-and-ponies-from-1-january-2021>

### **Equines moving from Ireland to GB**

Equines from Ireland will be subject to certain requirements, in accordance with the [UK Border Operating Model](#). These requirements include:

#### **From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

1. Equines exported from Ireland to GB must be exported in accordance with Customs procedures. Please refer to <https://www.revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/brexit/index.aspx> for further information.



2. Equines may enter GB via any point of entry.
3. Export of live animals from Ireland to GB must be pre-notified to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs by a UK-based importer via the UK Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS)<sup>1</sup> at least 24 hours, and up to 30 days, in advance of arrival in GB.
4. Veterinary health certification is required for export of equines from Ireland to GB. (This certification will be issued by Regional Veterinary Offices of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine).  
For further information, please contact: [horseexports@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:horseexports@agriculture.gov.ie)
5. The GB authorities will conduct remote documentary checks for all consignments, and physical inspection of some consignments at the place of destination, based on risk assessment.
6. Requirements relating to transport will also apply (See below).

### **From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

In addition to the requirements outlined above, from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, equines must enter GB via a Border Control Post (BCP).

Documentary checks and physical inspection will take place at the BCP<sup>2</sup>.

For further information, please consult the UK Border Operating Model, and check for updated UK guidance available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin-from-1-january-2021#history>.

### **Transit of equines via the UK landbridge**

At the end of the Transition Period, controls at BCP entry points to the EU will apply to consignments of live animals travelling from one EU Member State to another Member State that transit via the UK landbridge.

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<sup>1</sup> Further information on IPAFFS is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system>

<sup>2</sup> The list of UK BCPs is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-border-inspection-posts-contact-details/live-animals-and-animal-products-border-control-posts-bcp-in-the-uk>



1. Equines must be accompanied by valid identification documents and must be moved in accordance with Customs transit procedures. Please see <https://www.revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/transit/index.aspx> for further information.
2. Equines moving between Ireland and another EU Member State via the UK landbridge must re-enter the EU through a Border Control Post designated for equines.
3. The operator responsible for consignments of equines must provide prior notification to the BCP of re- introduction to the EU by submitting Part I of the CHED in TRACES-NT in advance of consignment re-entry into the EU.
4. At the point of certification in Ireland, equines must be presented for official checks and the official certificate (ITAHC) accompanying the consignment stamped with the following wording 'ONLY FOR TRANSIT BETWEEN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION VIA GB'.
5. Documentary checks by the BCP of re-introduction to the EU to verify the origin of the animals will be performed electronically, in advance of consignment arrival at the BCP of re-entry.
6. The BCP of re-introduction into the EU may also perform identification checks and physical checks.

### **UK Landbridge Transit Requirements**

The UK has indicated that EU operators moving equines between Ireland and another EU Member State via the UK landbridge must pre-notify the transit movement on TRACES. Each equine crossing the landbridge must be accompanied by a valid equine identification and either an Intra-Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) or a commercial document (Docom) generated via TRACES. Pre-notification via IPAFFS will not be required. These equines will not be subject to identity or physical inspections at entry to, or exit from, GB. Remote documentary checks will apply. In addition, confirmation by the equine operator that the consignment has left GB territory will be required. These rules are subject to review and may change in due course.



## **Transport of equines between Ireland and GB**

At the end of the Transition Period, transporter authorisations, certificates of approval of means of transport and certificates of competence for drivers and attendants issued by the UK under Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 will no longer be valid in the EU.

The UK has indicated that EU-based transport operators intending to transport live animals from EU to GB will require representation in GB and must apply for GB-issued transporter authorisations, vehicle approval certificates and certificates of competence for drivers and attendants.

If journey logs are required, the operator must apply to both Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the UK government (Animal and Plant Health Agency APHA).

For queries in relation to obtaining transport authorisations and certificates from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, please contact:

[TransportApprovals@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:TransportApprovals@agriculture.gov.ie)

Or consult:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/f7279-transport-of-live-animals/?referrer=http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/animaltransport/>.