



**TRADER NOTICE:
IMPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS (EXCLUDING HORSES AND PETS) INTO IRELAND
FROM THE UK IN THE CASE OF A NO-DEAL BREXIT.**

Context – Brexit

As the UK has voted to leave the EU, it will become a ‘Third Country’ (non-EU Member State) from the date of withdrawal. From the date the United Kingdom exits the European Union, the introduction of live animals from the UK into the EU will be subject to veterinary controls at the point of entry in to European Union.

If you are an importer of live animals from the UK which are subject to veterinary controls, you are required to comply with the import conditions as laid down in EU legislation. In addition a declaration to Customs must be made of your intention to bring a consignment of live animals into Ireland.

In the event of a No-Deal Brexit, these rules come into effect when the UK leaves the EU.

1) What You Should Do Now

A. Register with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM)

Prior to importing animals into Ireland, **the person responsible for the load** is required to register with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine’s Corporate Customer System (CCS).

To receive a CCS registration form please contact:

BrexitRegistration@agriculture.gov.ie

B. Register for access to TRACES

The person responsible for the load will also need access to the online system ‘TRACES.’

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*Please note the person responsible for the load is responsible for making the necessary declarations to the competent authorities on behalf of the importer. **In most circumstances this will be an agent working on behalf of the importer** (as opposed to the importer him/herself).

C. Ensure the intended transporter has the required authorisations

1. The transporter must be in possession of an authorisation in compliance with Regulation (EC) 1/2005, issued by an EU Member State
2. The transporter must be in possession of a certificate of approval in relation to the specific transport vehicle, issued by an EU Member State



2) What You Need to do Prior to Import of Live Animals Subject to Veterinary Controls

A. Obtain a Veterinary Health Certificate for the animal(s) prior to export.

Live animal consignments will need to be officially certified by the competent authority of the UK as having met the relevant animal health conditions to make the animal(s) eligible for import into the EU. An EU model veterinary health certificate will be provided by UK Authorities to the importer to show that these conditions have been met.

B. Provide advance notification of import to DAFM

A minimum of 24 hours' notice pre-notification is required by DAFM prior to the importation of animal product imports.

1. The person responsible for the load gives pre-notification by submission of Part 1 of the Common Veterinary Entry Document (CVED-A) through the online TRACES system
2. Scanned copies of other supporting documentation associated with the consignment should be submitted at this time as well such as the veterinary health certificate

*Please note that although a scanned copy of the health certificate must be submitted prior to the consignment's arrival into the EU territory, **the original hard copy of the health certificate must travel with the consignment.** This will be checked on arrival at the Border Inspection Post.

3) What happens when the consignment arrives into Ireland

A. Points of Import

Live animals subject to veterinary controls from Third Countries can only be imported through approved Border Inspection Points (BIPs) for that species of animal. There are currently two approved BIPs for live animals:

- 1) **Dublin & Shannon Airports:** Equine Animals only
- 2) **Dublin & Rosslare Ports:** Approval for a designated live animal (equine, ungulate and other animal) BIP has been sought from the European Commission, when the UK leaves the EU.

B. DAFM Inspection & Release of the Commodity.

DAFM veterinary inspection involves a documentary, identity and a physical check of all live animal consignments. If all is found to be compliant, the inspector informs Customs that the veterinary inspection has been satisfactory, and Customs may green route the consignment for onward movement.

Note: The consignment remains under Customs control for the duration of the inspection.

Queries

Queries in relation to any aspect of the importation of live animals should be sent to:

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