



FedEx Regulatory Alerts & Updates

Regulatory Alert: Changes for Specified Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Goods from the EU and EEA into Great Britain

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What's happened?

There will be changes coming into effect on January 1, 2022 with regards to imports of specified Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) goods from the EU27 (European Union) and European Economic Area (EEA) to Great Britain (GB).

Who does it affect?

Customers in the EU27 and EEA who send the following SPS goods to GB:

- Live animals
- Germinal products
- Products of animal origin (POAO) under safeguard measures
- High risk animal by-products (ABP)
- High Risk Food or Feed not of animal origin (HRFNAO)
- All regulated plants and plant products

What will change?

From January 1, 2022:

From January 1, 2022, pre-notification of the import of products, animals, food, and feed system (IPAFFS) will be required. Our United Kingdom (UK) Import Clearance teams will complete the pre-notifications on behalf of GB importers.

For now, documentary checks have been postponed, and there will be no requirement for the goods to enter GB via an established point of entry as there will be no physical identity inspections. However, these checks will be introduced from July 1, 2022, together with the requirement for Export Health Certificates (EHCs). The EU exporter will have to provide a copy of the EHC to their UK importer prior to sending the goods.

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Further changes in 2022:

In addition to IPAFFS pre-notification requirements, from 1 July 2022, all of the above-mentioned types of goods will require a valid EHC or SPS Certificate in order to undergo documentary checks.

Beginning on 1 July 2022, all POAO and ABPs and all regulated plants and plant products will also have to enter GB via a point of entry with a specialized Border Control Post (BCP), even if the product is not subject to documentary checks, as per the following timetable:

- 1 July 2022 - All remaining regulated ABP and all meat and meat products
- 1 September 2022 - All dairy products
- 1 November 2022 - All remaining regulated products of animal origin, including composite products and fish products

What should you do now?

If you are an EU exporter to GB, you must classify your goods correctly and provide specific goods descriptions on all commercial paperwork.

Please ensure that you provide the following information on your commercial documents or create an IPAFFS summary page:

- What type of animal product or goods you're sending (i.e., POAO, ABP, HRFNAO etc.)
- Origin of the animal product or goods (which country it was produced, originated in)
- Commodity code
- Commodity type
- Species of the commodity
- Commodity weight (kg)
- Reason for exporting consignment (i.e. internal market, transit, research, etc.)
- Consignment's place of destination
- Addresses and contact details for place of origin, importer, and place of destination

You should also start preparing for July 1, 2022 when you will be required to provide Export Health Certificates (EHC) for your goods before you ship them.

If you are sending marine-caught fish and some shellfish in addition you must ensure you include a validated Catch Certificate with your commercial paperwork.

If you are the GB importer and we contact you for clearance instructions, please provide all requested information in a timely manner.

If you decide to complete your IPAFFS pre-notification yourself, please ensure you inform us about your authorization number before the goods arrive in GB. In order to do so, please email us stating your air waybill (AWB) number in the subject field of the email and your authorization number in the email body. The email addresses to use are as follows:

- For FedEx shipments: stncustomsadmin@corp.ds.fedex.com
- For TNT shipments: GBTNTIPAFFS@fedex.com

References:

Import or move food and drink from the EU and Northern Ireland to Great Britain

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-or-move-food-and-drink-from-the-eu-and-northern-ireland-to-great-britain>

Import or move composite products from the EU and Northern Ireland to Great Britain

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-or-move-composite-products-from-the-eu-and-northern-ireland-to-great-britain>

Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system>

HM Revenue Border Operating Model

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1034308/20211117_November_BordersOPModel_Final.pdf