

Issue 4 - 08.10.2019 Subject: Defra Import and Export Newsletter:

Dear stakeholder,

With just four weeks to go until the 31 October Brexit deadline, it is really important that you and your business are prepared and ready to continue importing and exporting goods after Brexit.

Since our last newsletter there has been further progress that will help you and your business get ready in good time.

Imports: Registration is now LIVE for notification system for imports of animals or animal products from non-EU countries

If you import animals or animal products from non-EU countries you must register on the new IPAFFS IT system, which will replace the EU TRACES system for notification from 31 October.

Registration for IPAFFS is straightforward and open now. Full details on how to register can be found at www.gov.uk/ipaffs-registration.

If you have registered for IPAFFS previously, you will still need to check that your username and password are up to date. If you have any issues, please contact the APHA Service Desk by phone on 03300 416 999 or email APHAServiceDesk@apha.gov.uk.

Exports: Multiple loads and Export Health Certificates

A couple of newsletters back we talked about the [new process for exporting animals and products of animal origin to the EU after Brexit](#).

We know that a key issue businesses like yours have been asking is what the Export Health Certificates (EHCs) requirements are for a lorry carrying multiple loads.

We have been working with industry to find a solution that is as easy as possible for exporters. However, the reality of the European rules are that multiple loads will need multiple EHCs. We understand that this will cause additional administrative effort but having an EHC for each category of load on board a lorry is the only way to help ensure your goods are not stopped or held up at the border. Guidance will shortly be updated on GOV.UK.

Smarter Rules for Safer Food regulations coming in December

The EU is introducing new rules to protect against animal disease and plant pests. The new Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and Plant Health Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 will apply in EU member states from 14 December 2019. How and when the UK implements these regulations will depend on Brexit. UK exporters will need to comply with these regulations when they come into force in all Brexit scenarios. No changes are required at this moment, and we will have more detail on these changes in future newsletters but further information can be found [here](#).

Trade Associations briefing sessions in October

Defra will be running a small number of free briefing sessions across the UK to help key Trade Associations understand the requirements for Brexit. Taking place in London, York and Bristol these sessions will aim to give trade associations all the information they need to inform their

members about the changes happening around importing and exporting animals, animal products and plants to and from the EU after Brexit.

To Do list for this week

Each newsletter highlights a set of key actions to take that will help ensure you are prepared for 31 October. If they are relevant to you and you haven't done so already, you need to make sure you do these as soon as possible.

Importer? Register for IPAFFS – now that IPAFFS registration is live, use this week to register your businesses. Registration for IPAFFS is straightforward and open now. Full details on how to register can be found at www.gov.uk/ipaffs-registration. If you haven't already, read [our guidance](#) for importers preparing for Brexit.

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Got a question on wider export issues? The Government has set up a dedicated telephone service for traders and hauliers trading goods with the EU after 31 October 2019. The helpline will provide up-to-date guidance to help you prepare for Brexit, and can be contacted on 0300 3301 331, Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm.

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