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# Traders Webinar

## Exporting POAO goods from EU into Great Britain (Fish and Fishery Products)

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# Introduction to approach

**Overview:** Import controls for GB are being introduced in a phased approach in order to give businesses impacted by COVID-19 time to adjust whilst maintaining effective biosecurity controls.

## These stages include:

### **Sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) controls, including the requirements for:**

- Importer pre-notifications (GB importer action)
- Health certification (such as an Export Health Certificate or Phytosanitary Certificate)
- Documentary, identity and physical checks at the border or inland
- Entry via a point of entry with an appropriate Border Control Post (BCP) with relevant checking facilities

### **Processes and procedures for the export of:**

- Live animals
- Animal products
- Fish and shellfish and their products
- Plants and plant products
- High-risk food and feed not of animal origin

# Stage 1: January Highlights



## Export of POAO under safeguard measures only

- **The GB importer must:** Pre-notify in advance of arrival using **IPAFFS** and provide the EU exporter with the unique notification number (UNN).
- **You must:** Add the **UNN onto the health certificate** and provide the GB importer with an electronic copy of the health certificate
- **The GB importer must:** Upload an electronic copy of the health certificate on to **IPAFFS**.
- **You must:** Ensure the original health certificate travels with the consignment.
- **Safeguard measures:** Action can be taken at **very short notice** to prohibit or restrict imports of certain products from certain countries following an outbreak of disease or a public health issue.

If measures are introduced because of a new or emerging disease, there may be additional steps you will need to follow to pre-notify - **outlined on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)** |

**Please note:** There are no changes for other POAO until **April 2021**

# Stage 2: April Highlights



**The GB importer must:** Pre-notify all POAO using **IPAFFS**.

**The GB importer must:** Raise a pre-notification **in advance of arrival** at the point of entry.

**You must:** Obtain the relevant **health certificate** and ensure that it travels with the consignment.

**It's important that you:** Provide the importer with an **electronic copy of the health certificate**.

**The GB importer must:** Upload an electronic copy of the health certificate on to **IPAFFS**

**Documentary Checks:** Can be carried out remotely, away from the border.

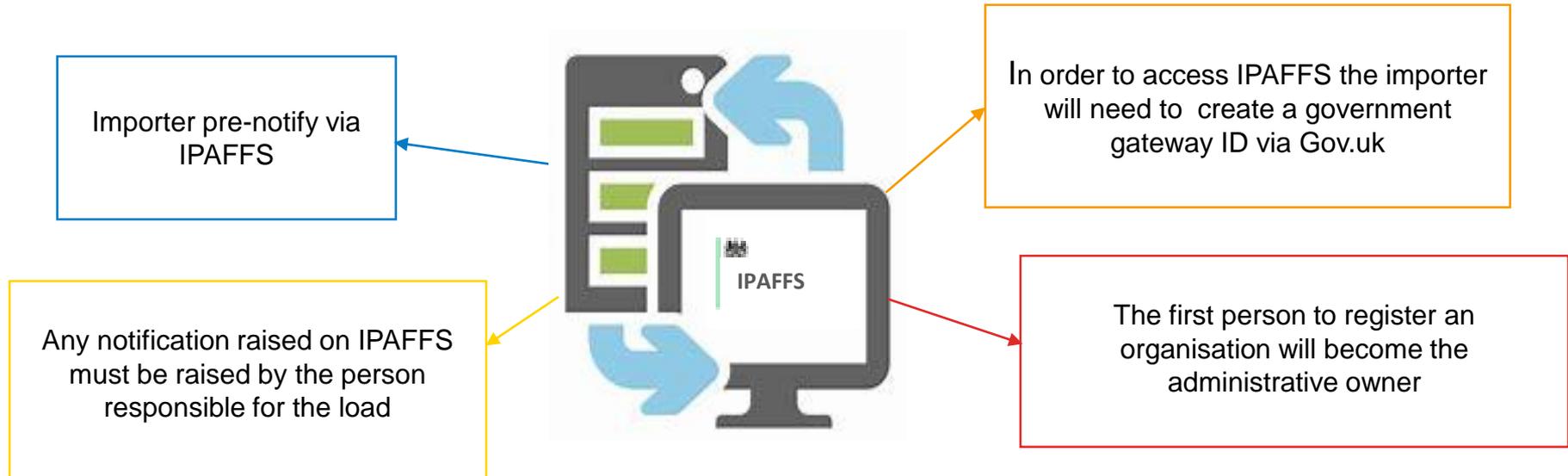
**Goods:** Can arrive at any point of entry.

**Please Note:** Requirements for POAO under safeguard measures introduced on **1 January 2021 will continue to apply**.

# Importer Pre-notifications Process: IPAFFS

**Overview:** From 1 April 2021 all POAO 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

**From January 2021:** POAO under safeguard measures must be accompanied by a health certificate

**From April 2021:** All POAO 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)

# Checks Overview



**Documentary checks**



**Identity & physical checks**

# Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Requirements

Since 1 January 2021, imports of most fish from the EU\* have required validated illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) documents including:

- **Catch certificate(s):** It is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure that a catch certificate, is completed at the point of export.
- **Processing Statement:** If fish has been processed in a country that is not the flag state of the original catching vessel, a processing statement must be provided.
- **Proof of storage:** If fish has been stored in a country that is not the flag state of the original catching vessel, then proof of storage is required.

- ▶ These documents must be completed by the exporter, validated by the relevant competent authority, and then sent to the importer.
- ▶ The importer must then send these to the appropriate port health authority of the port of arrival in advance.

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\* These requirements also apply to fish imports from RoW

# IUU Fishing Requirements

- ▶ All third country fishing vessels are required to land into appropriately designated ports <https://psc.neafc.org/designated-contacts#GBR> and submit the relevant port state control form if catching in the NEAFC convention area.
- ▶ Third country fishing vessels landing **fresh fish** into the UK (except EU vessels landing into NI), are also required to, in advance of landing:
  - **submit a prior notification form;**
  - **submit a pre-landing declaration;**
  - **send a complete and validated catch certificate; and**
  - **adhere to customs formalities.**
- ▶ Third country **food-approved vessels (i.e. factory, freezer, and reefer vessels) landing frozen or processed fish** will also need to:
  - **From 1 April: complete a Captain's Certificate and pre-notify on IPAFFS**

**Full requirements are outlined here:** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-fish-to-the-uk#direct-landings-by-foreign-fishing-vessels-into-the-uk>

# Composites

**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 and these goods must be pre-notified and accompanied by a GB health certificate from April 2021 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**

**For more information on Composites please sign up to our Composite-focused webinars: [Register here](#) for 01/03/2021 or [Register here](#) for 15/03/2021**

# EU Origin Transits

## Requirements for Transits EU-GB-EU movements:

### January 2021 POAO subject to safeguard measures

- Pre-notification on **TRACES** and an **ITAHC**.
- Goods can enter and exit GB through any port with no physical or ID checks required on entry or exit.
- Confirmation that the consignment has left GB territory will be required.

### April 2021 all POAO

- Pre-notification on **IPAFFS** and a **GB health certificate**.
- Goods can enter and exit GB through any port with no physical or ID checks required on entry or exit.
- Confirmation that the consignment has left GB territory will be required.

# EU Origin Transits

## Requirements for Transits EU-GB-RoW:

### January 2021 POAO subject to safeguard measures

- Pre-notification on **IPAFFS** and a GB **health certificate**.
- Goods can enter and exit GB through any port with no physical or ID checks required on entry or exit.

### From April 2021 all POAO

- Pre-notification on **IPAFFS** and a GB **health certificate**.
- Goods can enter and exit GB through any port with no physical or ID checks required on entry or exit.

# Prohibitions & Restrictions

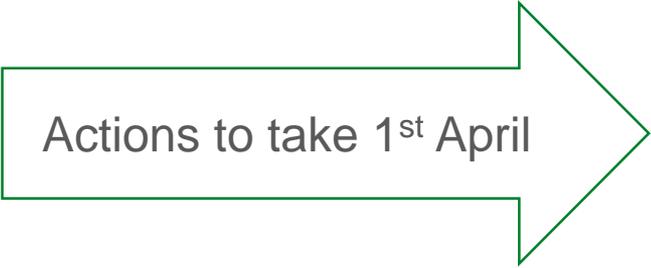
**Overview:** Prohibitions and restrictions (P&R) are new trade requirements that apply to certain commodities as of 1 January 2021.

## Points to note:

- P&R on goods imported from the EU are being introduced in line with the phased approach to import checks. P&R already apply to products moving from the EU to GB, with the exception of some products of animal origin.
- Legislation has been made to temporarily remove P&R from certain POAO during Stage 1. This means, for example, goods such as chilled minced meat and meat preparations can continue to be imported.
- From Stage 2, P&R on POAO will apply in full as it would to any other third country. This means that EU traders will not be able to export chilled minced meat (beef, lamb, pork, poultry), frozen minced meat (poultry), chilled meat preparations (all species) from 1 April 2021.

Further information on P&Rs is available on [HERE](#)

# Be prepared...



Actions to take 1<sup>st</sup> April

- Make sure you provide the importer with an electronic copy of the **health certificate**
- Make certain the **health certificate travels** with the consignment

**For all information and guidance please visit:** [www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-live-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-live-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin)



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