

Movement of SPS products

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On 11 March, the UK Government announced the following phasing dates for the introduction of additional SPS checks and processes of goods moving from the EU to Great Britain:

- **1 October 2021.**
- **1 January 2022.**
- **1 March 2022.**

What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on POAO?

October 2021:

- POAO (animal products for human consumption) must be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate (issued by the competent authority in the EU country) and pre-notified using IPAFFS before arrival at the GB border.
- The EU exporter must provide a copy of the health certificate to the GB importer to upload a copy onto IPAFFS.
- **You must ensure that a physical copy of the health certificate accompanies the consignment.**

January 2022:

- POAO must arrive at an established point of entry with an appropriate Border Control Post (BCP).

What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on ABP?

October 2021:

- ABP not for human consumption must be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate, official declaration or other official documentation depending on the commodity being imported.
- Pre-notification using IPAFFS before arrival at the GB border will be required.
- The EU exporter must:
 - Ensure that a copy of the Export Health Certificate accompanies the consignment.
 - Provide a copy of the Export Health Certificate to the GB importer to upload a copy onto IPAFFS.
- **You must ensure that a physical copy of the health certificate accompanies the consignment.**

What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on ABP?

January 2022:

- ABP will need to arrive at an established point of entry with an appropriate Border Control Post (BCP).
- Importers will need to check if the code for their product is listed in Regulation 2019/2007 in order to determine whether their commodity must be imported via a point of entry with an appropriate BCP.
- Goods will be subject to documentary, ID and physical checks on a risk basis.

What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on live animals and germinal products?

January 2022:

- Germinal products must continue to be accompanied by a GB health certificate and pre-notified in IPAFFS before arrival at the border.
- There are new requirements for germinal products to enter via an established point of entry with an appropriate Border Control Post (BCP).

March 2022:

- Live animals must also enter via an established point of entry with an appropriate BCP for documentary, identity and physical checks.
- High-risk live animals imported from the EU to GB will continue to be checked at 100%.

What are the new phases for delivery of SPS import controls on plants?

From 1 January 2022:

- Physical and identity checks of high-priority plants and plant products will move from Places of Destination to Border Control Posts.
- The requirement for pre-notification and phytosanitary certificates will be extended to all regulated plants and plant products (i.e. not just those which are ‘high-priority’).
- **You must ensure that a phytosanitary certificate accompanies the consignment.**

From March 2022:

- The UK’s Border Operating Model will be fully operationalised with physical and identity checks on all regulated plants and plant products being carried out at Border Control Posts.

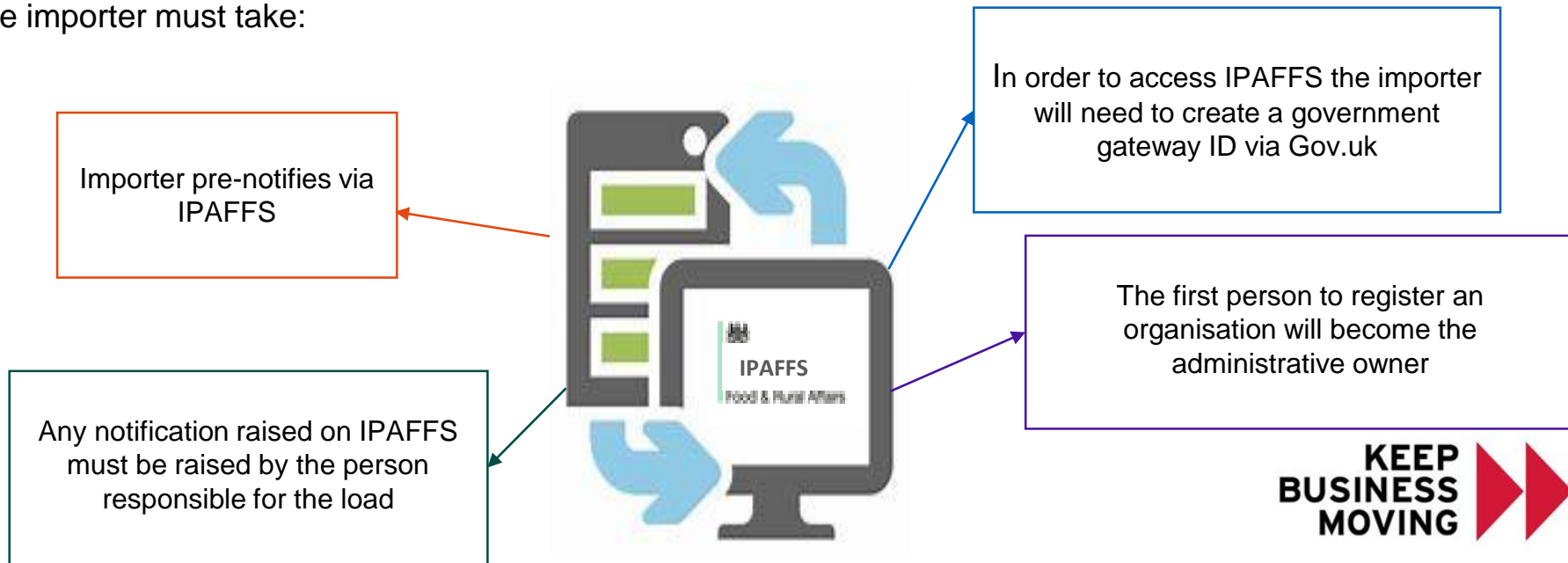


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Importer pre-notification process - IPAFFS

Overview: From October 2021, POAO for human consumption and some ABP 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:



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Pre-notification times

- For movements of live animals, importers need to submit import pre-notifications via the domestic notification system (IPAFFS) at least one working day in advance of the goods' arrival at the point of entry.
- For plants and plant products, importers need to submit import notifications at least four working hours prior to arrival for Roll-On Roll-Off and air movements, or at least one working day prior to arrival by all other modes of transport – along with the phytosanitary certificate.
- Pre-authorisation by Defra/Animal and Plant Health Agency of ABP prior to any imports taking place may also be required.

General Overview

From October 2021: POAO for human consumption and ABP not for human consumption must be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate.

Certification Steps

1. The **Export 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 Export Health Certificate for it to be uploaded to IPAFFS.
4. The **EU exporter** must ensure a physical copy travels with the consignment.



Actions to take 1st October 2021

For POAO and ABP not for human consumption:
Make sure the **health certificate travels with the consignment.**

Actions to take 1st January 2022
(Plants)

Make sure the **phytosanitary certificate** travels
with the consignment.

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