



Borders Bulletin

Dear Stakeholder,

This bulletin provides the latest news from the Government relating to UK borders.

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All Stakeholder Call on 13 December 2022

On Tuesday 13 December 2022, the Cabinet Office Borders Group hosted an all stakeholder call to update stakeholders on the Border Target Operating Model publication timetable.

Thank you to those who attended the call and asked questions using the chat function. We have attached a consolidated document divided up into the key policy areas with answers to your questions.

New requirements for shelf-stable composite goods to France from 15 January 2023

The French Authorities were due to bring in a new requirement for all private attestations for exports of shelf-stable composite goods presented at a French Border Control Post (BCP) to be translated into French from 1 January 2023. Defra have been working closely with the

French Authorities to extend this deadline, to give exporters in Great Britain more time to prepare for this change.

Defra have received successful confirmation that this new requirement will be delayed until Sunday 15 January 2023.

In preparation for this change, Defra urge businesses to start familiarising themselves with the new French translation. See here on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) for the translated version of the form.

When is a private attestation needed?

EU or Northern Ireland importers or agents must complete a private attestation for composite food products if both of the following apply:

- the products are shelf-stable (not stored chilled or frozen)
- the products do not contain processed meat

A private attestation can be used for shelf-stable products that need to be transported at a controlled temperature of 0°C degrees or above.

Exporters should check if the BCP where the goods will arrive will accept a private attestation. Exporters need to give their EU or Northern Ireland import agent information about the products they are exporting so they can complete and sign the attestation.

For further information - please contact: Exports@APHA.gov.uk.

Sampling of Products of Animal Origin at Border Control Posts in France

As announced by the French authorities last year, from 1 January 2023 they have begun Phase 2 of introducing sampling as part of official controls at Border Control Posts (BCPs). Sampling will apply to certain consignments of Products of Animal Origin (POAO) exported from Great Britain to the EU. (Phase 1 of introducing sampling commenced on 1 September 2022).

This introduction does not represent a change to EU law, but the implementation of existing requirements as per Official Controls Regulation (OCR) ([Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#)). This sampling is an additional element of the existing physical checks undertaken at French BCPs.

The introduction of sampling is following a phased approach, as detailed in the table below. Each phase will see additional commodity types brought into the scope of sampling. Defra are awaiting confirmation from the French authorities on the percentages for sampling of each commodity type.

Phase 1 01/09/2022	Phase 2 01/01/23	Phase 3 From 15/06/2023
Fish and corresponding products (except canned) from aquaculture, destined for human consumption	All other fishery products, destined for human consumption	All other POAO commodities including mixed products and composites

Bovine and equine meat and corresponding offal and products, destined for human consumption	All other meat, meat preparations and products, destined for human consumption	
Fresh chicken meat, destined for human consumption	Cheese, destined for human consumption	
Fresh turkey meat, destined for human consumption		
Poultry meat (other than fresh chicken and turkey) corresponding products, destined for human consumption		

Defra has obtained confirmation of the following from the French authorities:

- **Cost:** There will be no additional cost to exporters for the sampling checks. This is in accordance with EU law which states that the cost of official controls at BCPs includes the costs for sampling.
- **Delay or detention of consignments:** The process of physical checks and sampling will be undertaken in accordance with EU legislation with no consignments detained under customs control whilst awaiting sampling results.
- **Process:** The process of physical checks and sampling will be undertaken in accordance with article 6 of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1014](#) such that goods will be maintained at the appropriate temperature category - ambient, chilled or frozen pending results of laboratory analysis, test or diagnosis or pending the outcome of the Competent Authority's controls.

For further information please contact Exports@APHA.gov.uk

Increased fishing opportunities worth £750 million agreed for 2023

The UK fishing industry will benefit from 140,000 tonnes of fishing opportunities worth over £280 million in 2023 after the UK reached an agreement with the EU on 20 December. This brings the total value of fishing opportunities secured for the UK fleet in 2023 in the three main negotiation forums to £750 million, a £34 million increase from last year.

In the third year of annual fisheries negotiations with the UK operating as an independent coastal state, the UK and EU yesterday agreed catch levels for 69 important fish stocks. This included some of the most commercially valuable stocks to the UK fishing industry such as North Sea Nephrops (£54m), Anglerfish (£31m) and Western hake (£25m).

Throughout the negotiations, the UK Government has worked closely with the devolved administrations to ensure fishing communities across the UK will benefit from the agreement. The Scottish industry, for example, will benefit from improved catch levels for North Sea stocks including cod, hake, whiting and Nephrops.

The agreement also commits the UK and EU to work together to provide more sustainable fisheries management, with catch levels informed using the latest scientific advice.

Customs Declaration Service (CDS) exporter deadline extended until 30 November 2023

In December 2022, HMRC announced that exporters will now have until 30 November 2023 (rather than March 2023) to move across to the Customs Declaration Service (CDS). Following consultation with the border industry, this will ensure businesses have enough time to prepare for the change.

After 30 November, businesses will need to use CDS to make export declarations for goods they send out of the UK, as they already do for import declarations.

If businesses have not already done so, they should carry out the following initial steps:

- [Apply for an Economic Operator Registration and Identification \(EORI\) number](#) beginning with 'GB'
- [Subscribe to CDS](#) so you will be able to submit export declarations from your software to CDS
- Read the latest [CDS guidance](#) on [GOV.UK](#) - including the updated [CDS Toolkit](#) and '[Key differences between CHIEF and CDS](#)' guidance and our introductory [UK exports guide](#) – to familiarise yourself with CDS.

HMRC will provide further information about the timeline for CDS exports by the end of January 2023. Businesses can also provide their [preferred email address](#) on [GOV.UK](#) to receive updates and notifications about CDS.

Apprenticeship webinars for SMEs

The Employer Engagement & Performance Division of the Apprenticeships Directorate (Department for Education) are delighted to introduce a free brand-new SME webinar programme for 2022/2023. These webinars will support SMEs in their end-to-end apprenticeship journeys with a focus on recruiting and supporting young people.

[Onboarding & Induction](#) (11 January, 11:00 - 11:40)

Hear how other SMEs have committed to giving their apprentices the best start on their programme, ensuring their business is set up to effectively support apprenticeships.

Helpline numbers

Here is the list of helplines you may find useful. We have added hyperlinks that will take you to pages that provide extra information such as the opening hours for the helpline all of which have sufficient capacity to support businesses.

- [Export support service](#)
- HMRC Customs & International Trade Helpline - 0300 200 3700
- [HMRC Imports and Exports General Enquiries](#) (including GVMS) - 0300 322 9434
- [New Computerised Transit System](#) - 0300 322 7095
- [DVLA Contact Centre](#) - 0300 790 6802
- DVSA:
 - [Vehicle Operator Licensing Enquiries](#) - 0300 123 9000
 - [International Road Haulage Permits](#) - 0330 678 1117
- [The Office for Product Safety and Standards](#) - 0121 345 1201
- [MHRA Customer Service Centre](#) - 020 3080 6000
- [National Supply Disruption Centre](#) - 0800 915 9964
- [Rural Payments Agency \(RPA\) Trader team](#) - 0330 041 6500
- [Animal, Plant and Health Agency \(APHA\)](#) - 0300 100 0313
 - IPAFFS general - 0300 100 0313
 - IPAFFS technical - 0330 041 6999
 - PEACH - 0345 607 3224
- [Defra Rural Services](#) - 0300 020 0301
- [Environment Agency England](#) - 03708 506 506
- [Forestry Commission](#) - 0300 067 4000
- [Fish Exports Helpline](#) - 0330 159 1989
- [The Intellectual Property Office](#) - 0300 300 2000
- [BEIS Public Enquiries Helpline](#) - 020 7215 5000
- BEIS Business Support Lines:
 - [England](#) - 0800 998 1098
 - [Scotland](#) - 0300 303 0660
 - [Wales](#) - 0300 060 3000
 - [Northern Ireland](#) - 0800 181 4422
- [Citizen Advice Consumer Helpline](#) - 0808 223 1133
- [Department for Education Helpline](#) - 0370 000 2288
- [Home Office - UK Visas & Immigration Helpline](#) - 0300 790 6268
- [Home Office - EU Settlement Scheme Application Resolution Centre](#) - 0300 123 7379

HMRC also operates a number of services, including:

- Import/export general enquiries can be made by calling 0300 200 3700.
- You can also [speak to an adviser online](#) about general import and export queries.
- It is also possible to [send a question about imports, exports and customs reliefs](#).

DEFRA Helplines:

DEFRA also has a number of additional [helplines](#) for the commodity you are exporting to the EU.

For questions to the DVSA on vehicle operator licensing you can call 0300 123 9000. For questions to the DVLA you should call 0300 790 6802.

The UK Government also operates an online forum where you can access key information and ask questions directly on [customs and tax](#).
