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# The future of imports: what you need to do to keep your goods moving post-Brexit

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# Unsworth

## Your UK-based customs broker



Unsworth are a technology-based freight forwarder & customs broker established in 1974, demonstrating decades of continued growth as a global freight and supply chain specialist.

We have been guiding clients through the Brexit process for the past year and now streamlining customs clearance processes. We support around 800 declarations daily with the EU.



# Unsworth: as your customs broker

## **We can support with the preparation**

and submission of necessary documents to clear customs and can help arrange the correct payment of import duties and VAT, as necessary.

## **We can also liaise with**

**customs authorities** on your behalf, taking all of the complications and hassle out of the process for you.

## **We will check classification and**

**valuation** of your goods to ensure the right commodity codes are being used and we will advise on necessary licenses for the import of certain goods.

## **We know your time is worth money,**

so we reduce delays to ensure you keep your business moving, allowing you to focus on other important things.

**We are partnered with like-minded, forward-thinking customs specialists across Europe.**

## Poll

**How prepared do you feel for further upcoming POAO rule changes for imports from the EU to GB?**





## Government Is Debating Whether To Delay Post-Brexit Import Checks Again



**Exclusive:** The government is strongly considering delaying checks on imports from the European Union again amid warnings of severe disruption to supplies in the run-up to Christmas.

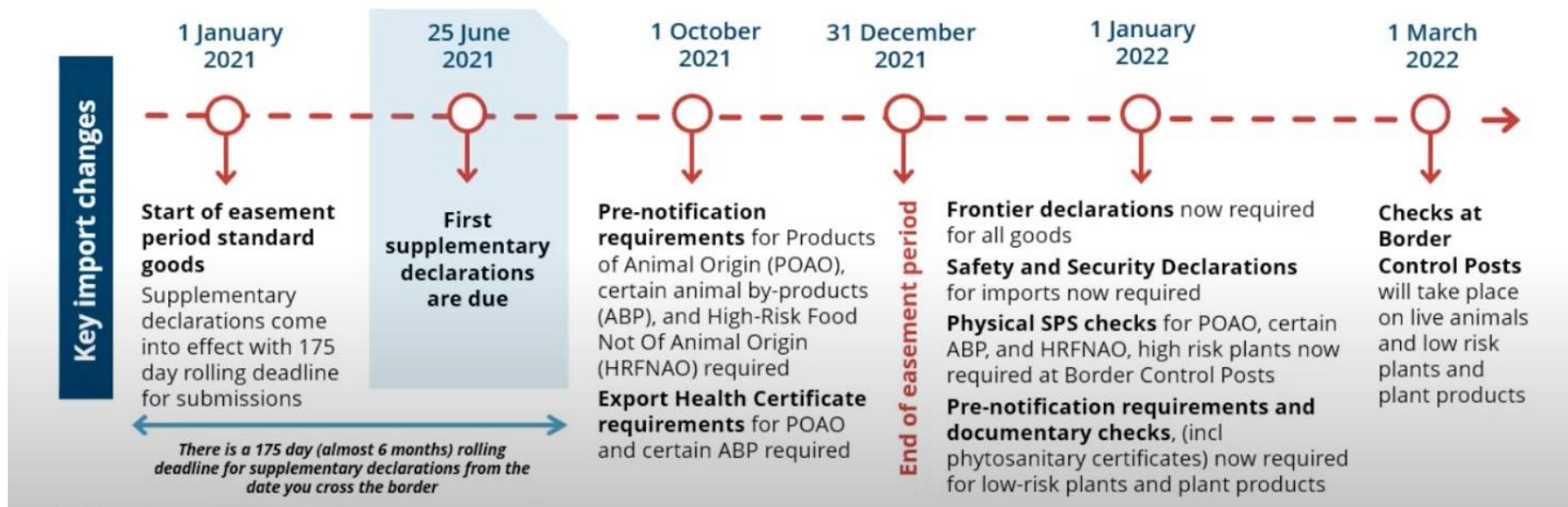
The post-Brexit paperwork for imports is currently due to be phased in from October, with most of it coming in January. It was originally supposed to be introduced in April but ministers decided to [delay them](#) by six months in order to give businesses and UK ports more time to prepare.

Boris Johnson was [warned](#) at the time that introducing the checks in April would rock supplies of food just as hospitality businesses were re-opening after lockdown. The UK gets around two-thirds of its fruit, vegetables and cheese and over half of its wine from the continent, among other items.

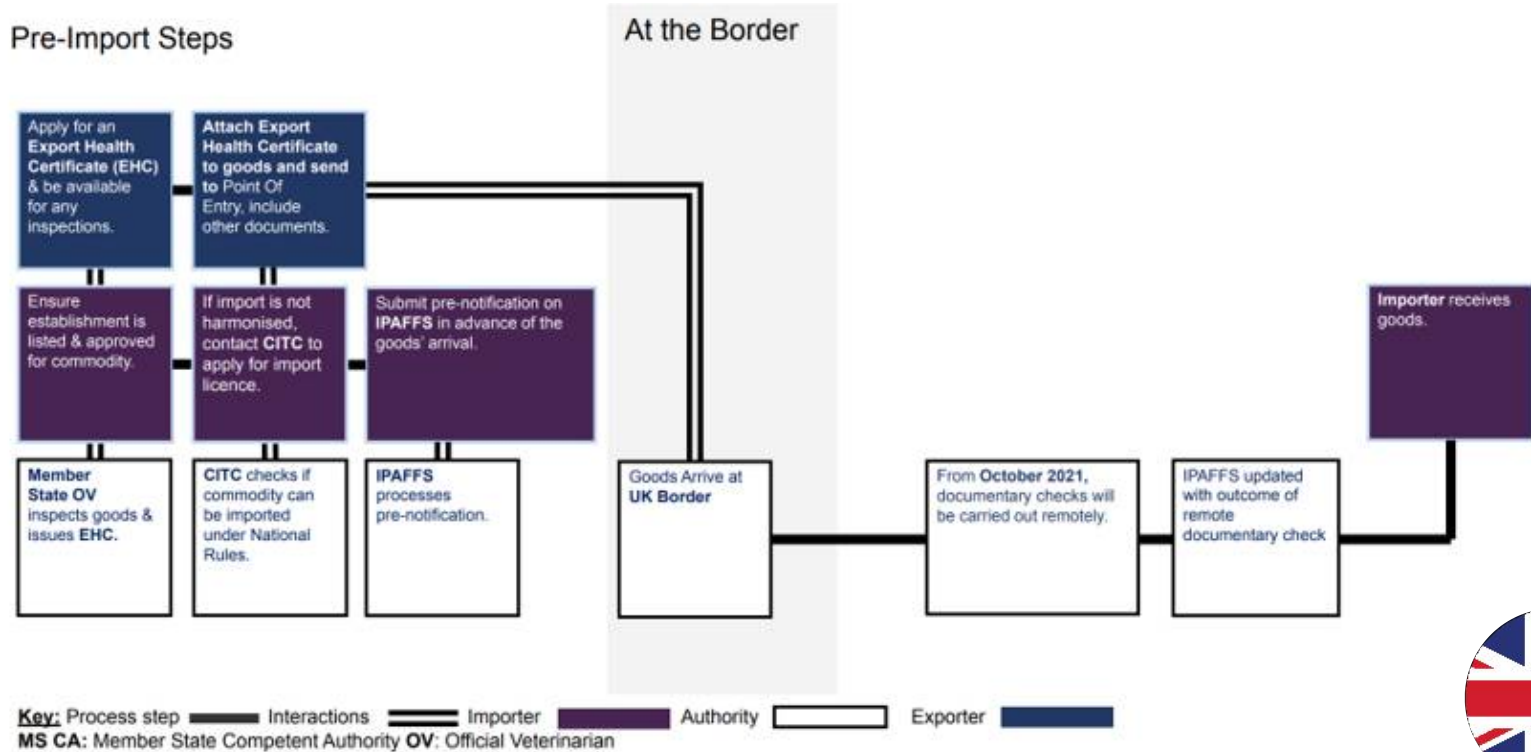
However, PoliticsHome understands that government officials are now debating the pros and cons of delaying the introduction of checks on imports for a second time. Some industry figures are even expecting the government to announce a further delay in the next few days.

# Easement periods end soon

## Key dates for importers



# What you the Importer must do





# What is changing in October?

October 2021



**Introduction of pre-notification,  
certification, and documentary checks on:**

- Products of Animal Origin (POAO)
  - Animal By-Products (ABP)

# New Sanitary and Phytosanitary Controls from October 2021

- IPAFFS Import pre-notification (4hrs) – appoint an agent
- Documentary checks carried out remotely. DEFRA will guide and assist rather than punish at this stage.
- Remember Transit notifications i.e. Landbridge movements need to be considered via IPAFFS
- Only Identity and physical checks at destination on things like high-risk animals



# What your EU shipper must do



1. Ensure GB requirements are met

2. Export Health Certificate produced

3. Vet inspects goods and seals load –Pallet level

# How to use IPAFFS (Import of Product, Animals, Food and Feed System) to submit notifications in advance of the goods arrival

Use IPAFFS to notify enforcement authorities about imports of the following products from the EU and European Economic Area (EEA):

- Live animals
- Germinal products
- Products of animal origin (POAO) under safeguard measures
- High-risk animal by-products (ABP)

## **Submit an import notification**

You must submit your notification in IPAFFS:

- One working day before your consignment is due to arrive, if it is coming from a non-EU country
- Recommended 24 hours before your consignment is due to arrive, if it is coming from the EU but 4hrs is ok

# Example Letter to suppliers

## Information you need for imports from the EU and EEA

### You need to know:

- What you're importing
- The date of import into GB
- Which country it will come from
- The consignment's place of destination
- Crossing details
- Truck reg

Hi,

As you may be aware Great Britain will be transitioning into the next stage of the border operating model from the 1<sup>st</sup> October, this phase will mainly effect the imports of Products of Animal Origin (POAO), Animal By-Products (ABP), and High Risk Foods Not of Animal Origin (HRFNAO) being imported from the European Union (EU) into Great Britain (GB). As well as importers there will be a lot of pressure on suppliers to ensure they have the products inspected by an official veterinarian at origin and the correct health documents created, please ensure you get in touch with your local port health authority for guidance to ensure you are prepared and know exactly what documents you will need for your products.

#### Step by Step Checklist for your suppliers:

- is the product POAO/HRFNAO?
- If yes please contact the local port authority to confirm the correct EHC to be used for the goods and request a vet to come and inspect the shipment.
- Once EHC has been signed and stamped please send a copy to Unsworth (xxx) along with all supporting documents. This must be sent prior to the goods departing, receiving them any later than 24hrs prior to arrival at the UK border could result in customs penalty's.

Please include:

Intended crossing

Date of Crossing

Truck and trailer Reg

- Unsworth will then lodge the IPAFF's notification and have the documents validated by port health. There is nothing for the haulier or supplier todo
- Import customs entry is submitted and linked to the IPAFF's entry for clearance, once cleared the import documents will be sent to Heinz/Forwarder to confirm.

Please note there is no requirement for the driver to stop at a BCP so this should not cause any physical delays.

# Export Health Certificates

POAO coming into GB from the EU must be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate

The EHC is issued in the EU member state

To determine which certificate you require and how to obtain it, exporter to contact relevant authority in EU member state

It is responsibility of Exporter in EU to obtain fully certified EHC

It is responsibility of Exporter to provide Importer with electronic copy of EHC

It is responsibility of the Importer to ensure the original certified EHC travels with the consignment

It is the responsibility of Importer to upload a copy of EHC to IPAFFS

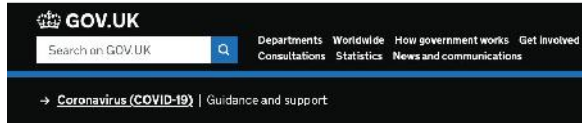


# TCA Zero Tariff

- Wholly obtained from an EU state  
OR
- Has been substantially transformed in line with the relevant product-specific rule - there are 3 basic rules used to decide if goods are sufficiently transformed:
  - The ad-valorem, or 'value added' rule
  - The change of tariff classification
  - Manufacture from certain products or through specific processes



# My Top Tips



Home > Environment > Food and farming > Producing and distributing food > Import, export and distribution of food

## Collection

### Model health certificates for exports of live animals and animal products to Great Britain

Model health certificates (templates) for competent authorities and exporters in EU and non-EU countries that show import requirements for Great Britain, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/health-certificates-for-animal-and-animal-product-imports-to-great-britain>



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## Guidance

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

Find out what a composite product is, and what you need to do to import or move composite products.

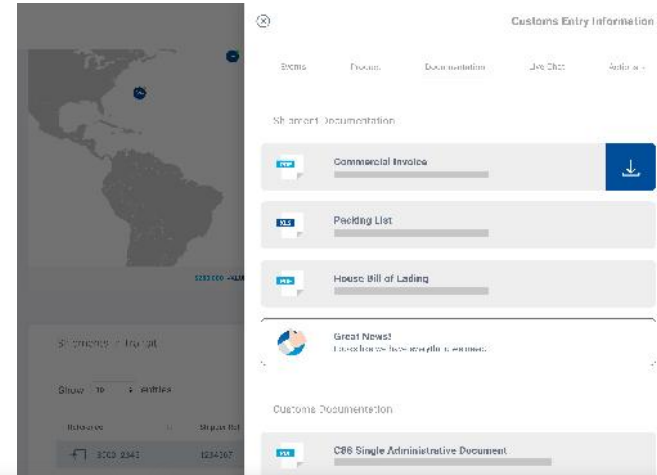
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-or-move-composite-products-from-the-eu-and-northern-ireland-to-great-britain>



Pallet Seals

# Our Customs Visibility Platform

Eliminate inefficiencies from an already complex process. Digitizing your movements allows for full control, with documentation and declarations in one place, you can bring stakeholders together to collaborate more effectively.



## Manage Customs Declarations in one place.

Keep up to date on all your key documentation with the click of a button.

## Simplified and streamlined processes.

The Task Manager allows you to complete haulier registration and upload commercial documents.

## Prioritise urgent shipments with ease.

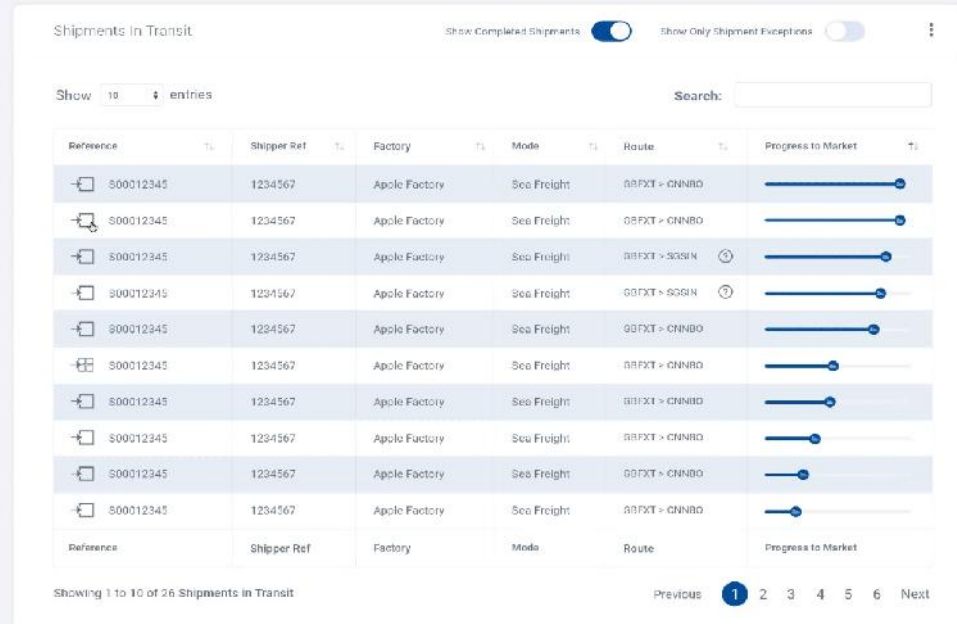
Move shipments into priority lists, save your documents as draft or simply send to Broker.

# Customs Visibility

Keep track of your customs processing as it happens, not just in monthly reports.

Manage your documents at shipment level, upload or download any document used in the customs declaration.

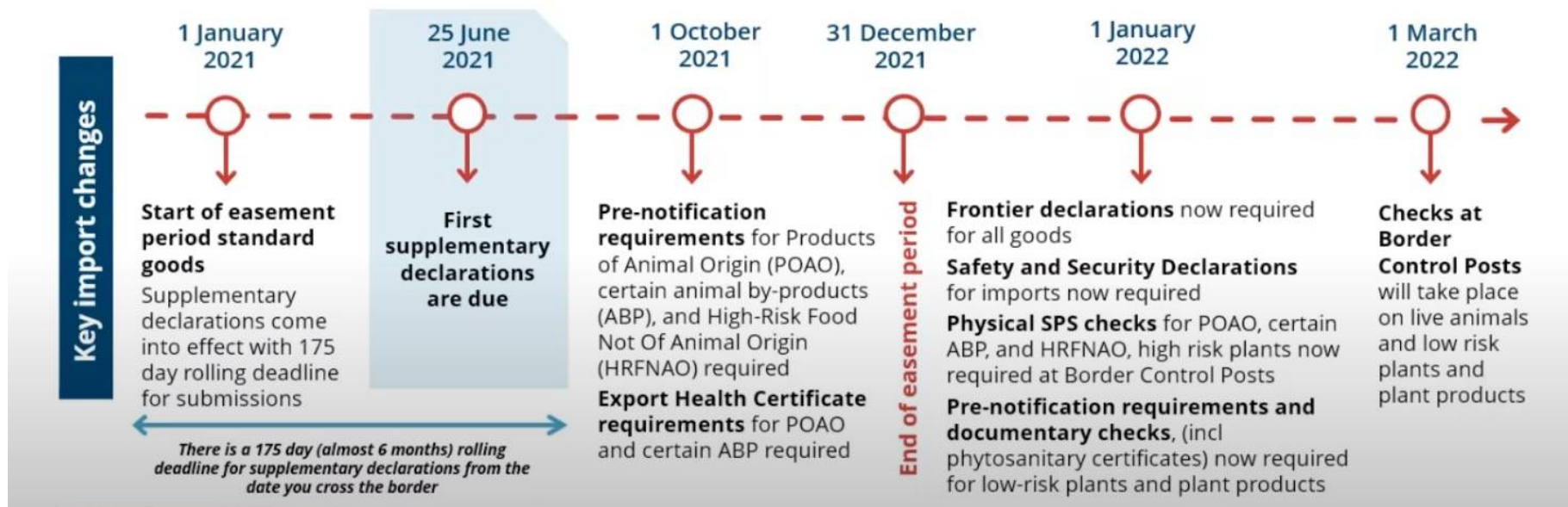
- Innovative data management
- Significant investment in future customs
- Live, real-time data, crucial
- This isn't a new platform for us – we've had digital tools for 2 years now and this was specifically developed to adapt to customs requirements



The screenshot displays a web interface titled "Shipments In Transit". At the top right, there are two toggle switches: "Show Completed Shipments" (which is turned on) and "Show Only Shipment Exceptions" (which is turned off). Below the title, there is a "Show 10 entries" dropdown and a "Search:" input field. The main content is a table with columns: Reference, Shipper Ref, Factory, Mode, Route, and Progress to Market. Each row represents a shipment and includes a progress bar. The table shows 10 rows of data, all with the same values for Reference (S00012345), Shipper Ref (1234567), and Factory (Apple Factory). The Mode is "Sea Freight" and the Route is "BRFXT > CNNBO". The Progress to Market is represented by a blue bar and a percentage value. At the bottom, there is a pagination bar showing "Showing 1 to 10 of 26 Shipments In Transit" and a set of navigation links: Previous, 1 (selected), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Next.

Reference	Shipper Ref	Factory	Mode	Route	Progress to Market
S00012345	1234567	Apple Factory	Sea Freight	BRFXT > CNNBO	100%
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# Summary of revised timetable for the introduction of controls:





## Stage 2 Changes to POAO Imports from the EU to the UK

## Changes compared to January 2021

### **Overview**

There will be no changes to the core import process from October 2021, and for the majority of goods, there will be no change in import procedures overall. However, certain categories of goods subject to Sanitary and Phytosanitary controls will have additional requirements placed on them, as follows:

- Products of Animal Origin (POAO) for human consumption and Animal By-Products (ABP) not for human consumption
- Additional requirements for fishery products and live bivalve molluscs
- High-risk food and feed not of animal origin (HRFNAO)

### **Goods Subject to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Controls**

These controls will introduce a number of new processes and procedures from October 2021. Some of these controls, but not all, will apply to the import of animal products (including fishery products and live bivalve molluscs), high-risk food and feed not of animal origin. These controls include the requirements for:

- Import pre-notification and certification (such as an health certificate or Phytosanitary Certificate) required in stages for animals, plants and their products, with documentary checks carried out remotely
- Identity and physical checks at destination or other approved premises on certain goods, such as high-risk animals see Section 1.2.3
- identity and physical checks at BCPs from January 2022 see Section 3.2.3



# Details of changes

This PDF document is available as a resource to you and will also be shared after the webinar.



# Next Webinar

## Sell DDP Avoid T1s

For your customers in the EU – reverse the Brexit effect with a few small changes



**Post-Brexit UK Food Industry Is £2bn Worse Off After "Disastrous" Fall In EU Sales**



# BCP Calais Tour October (In person!)



Port de Calais : aménagements dans le cadre du Brexit



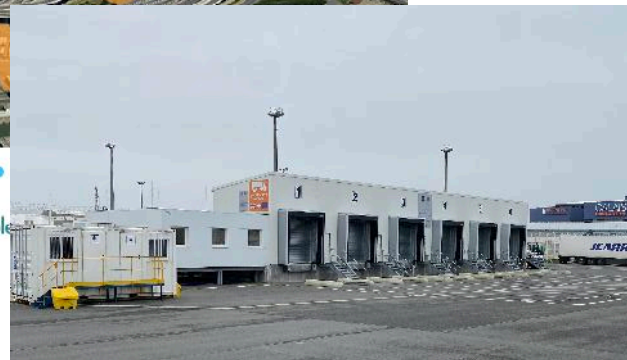
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03 Plateforme contrôle





## Poll

Do you want a follow up call with Charles and his team at Unsworth to discuss your customs requirements?

# Any Questions?



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