

International Transport of Ponies from 1 January 2021

1. Landbridge movements from 1 January 2021

Intra-trade Animal Health Certificate required (ITAHC) or Docom – TRACES SYSTEM (Trade Control and Export System)

No requirement to notify UK import system (Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed Systems – IPAFFS)

Landbridge Control Post stopover

2. Equine movements – General

EU (including Ireland) listed by UK as a third country and placed in Category A – the least onerous from a veterinary perspective

Existing Irish (and other EU) equine studbooks will also be approved provisionally for 6 months from 1 January 2021 (pending formal application process)

So these equines will be considered REGISTERED from 1 January 2021

3. Movements from Ireland (excluding transit) – Part 1

Individuals importing the equines should have:

Submitted a pre-import notification via the Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed Systems (IPAFFS)

Liaised with their exporter to ensure the equine(s):

Meet pre-export blood testing, residency, and isolation requirements (UNREGISTERED equines only)

Are accompanied by an EHC and equine ID

Are transported by someone with the correct documentation;

- transporter authorisations
- certificate of competence and
- vehicle approval certificates

issued in UK as well as well as versions issued by EUMS

4. Movements from Ireland (excluding transit) – Part 2

Have dual Journey Logs if moving UNREGISTERED horses on journeys exceeding 8 hours (only)

From January to July 2021: enter through and GB Point of Entry (POE)

Documentary checks done remotely

Physical and ID checks undertaken on risk basis at point of final destination

From July 2021: enter GB through a designated Border Control Post (where physical and ID checks undertaken on risk basis)

5. Transits – Part 1

GB will have access to TRACES (Trade Control and Export System) for transits (only)

No pre-notification on IPAFFS therefore required

No GB health certification required either

But you will need GB-issued:

- transporter authorisations

- certificates of competence and

- vehicle approval certificates

For travel in GB (as well as EU equivalents for travel in EU)

6. Transits – Part 2

You'll also need dual Journey logs if you are moving UNREGISTERED horses on journeys exceeding 8 hours

Equines can travel on DOCOM (high health status horses to and from France only) or ITAHC (all other moves)

Documentary checks done remotely

No physical of ID checks undertaken on arrival in GB (or on departure from GB)

Notification of departure from GB will though be required

Consignments will NOT need to be sealed whilst in GB

They will though be subject to existing EU Welfare during Transport throughout

7. Irish equines returning

Those REGISTERED equines returning after racing, other sporting competition or cultural events, within 30 days, can do so without the need for pre-movement blood testing, residency or isolation

They will though still require an export health certificate which needs to be signed off by an Official Vet in GB before departure

8. Movements from GB

UK equine studbooks approved by EU

Individual exporting equines should:

- Check the equine meets blood testing, residency, and isolation requirements (apply to all equines)

- Apply for an Export health Certificate (EHC)

- Ensure the equine has the correct equine ID

- Ensure the transporter has the necessary documentation to transport equines

- Ensure the consignment enters through the correct Irish Border Control Post (BCP)

- And fulfil general export requirements such as registering for an EORI number, finding out the commodity code of their goods, choosing the correct customs procedure code for their consignment

9. Further information - GB

Gov.UK page on exporting equines from 1st January 2021

Gov. UK page on importing equines from 1st January 2021

Gov. UK page on exporting live animals from 1st January 2021

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10. The Import Control Process

Documentary Checks – prior to the equine arriving at the Border Control Post

Identity check/Physical check/Welfare check-in the live animal BCP

(These are in addition to customs requirements)

11. Preparation – Equine Movements

Consult with your official veterinarian In Great Britain well in advance

Prepare to meet the certification requirements for:

- Serology

- Residency

- Isolation

For the type of Equine and type of movement

Passport and microchip

Register with the Department and subsequently on EU imports portal TRACES NT

- Operator responsible for the equine

- Equine premises

- Animal importer

- Transporter

12. Who is the operator responsible for the consignment?

Can be the EU importer or an EU based agent acting on their behalf – shipping agent, bloodstock agent etc

Must be registered with the DAFM and then subsequently on the European Commission's online Trade Control and Export System (TRACES) platform

13. The role of the operator responsible for the consignment

Access to all the necessary paperwork from the British exporter or via the EU importer

Pre-notify Border Control 24 hours before entry by generating *Common Health Entry Document* (CHED-A) for each consignment

Submit documents to the DAFM 24 hours in advance

- CHED-A

- Copy of Health Certificate

- Customs reference number

The operator responsible for the consignment is point of contact for Border Control staff for any queries

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14. Documentary check

Carried out on the documents submitted in advance of the horse arriving at the Border Control Post

- CHED-A
- Health Certificate
 - Correct model
 - Correct details and attestations
 - Correct serological dates
 - Owner/Agent declaration

Documentary check cannot be fully completed until the original health certificate is inspected at the time of the horse being presented at the Border control Post

15. Routing for Equines at Border Control Post (BCP)

All equines will be routed to the Live Animal Border Control Post for processing EQUIDAE INSPECTION AREA

16. Identity/Physical/Welfare checks

Identity checks – original health cert, passport, microchip, supplementary ID where applicable

Physical and Welfare checks

Serological testing where necessary

17. Decision on the consignment – compliant

Common Health Entry Document (CHED) is validated for each equine on the load

Temporary vs Permanent import

Customs are informed

The load is free to leave the Border Control Post

18. Four steps you need to do to keep your horses moving

1. Engage with your veterinarian in GB ahead of time
2. Factor in the time frames for serology, residency and isolation requirements of the certification
3. Operator responsible for the consignment
 - pre-notify the Border Control Post 24 hours in advance of the horse being presented
 - document submission
4. Ensure original health certificate and passport travel with horse to the Border Control Post of entry

19. What you can do now:

Learn more from the DAFM website: www.gov.ie/agriculture/brexit

Go to the 'Register to import and export section'

Register with TRACES

Download the Brexit checklist

Email: Brexitcall@agriculture.gov.ie

