

Import of live animals from the EU to GB

Q19. I hold Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence, and Vehicle Approval Certificates which have been issued by an EU Member State (not UK), are these valid for journeys in GB?

A. No, they will not be valid in GB after 31st December 2020.

Transporters entering or transiting GB by rail, road, sea or air (including Eurotunnel), will be required to obtain Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence and Vehicle Approval Certificates from the relevant delegated bodies in GB or Northern Ireland.

Further information on how to apply can be obtained by contacting either APHA by email: CITCarlisle@apha.gov.uk or DAERA - <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/contact>

Q20. I hold Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence, and Vehicle Approval Certificates which were issued by an EU Member State (not UK), are these valid for journeys in Northern Ireland?

A. Yes these will remain valid in Northern Ireland after 31st December 2020, in line with the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Q21. How do I obtain Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence, and Vehicle Approval Certificates which are valid for use in GB?

A. EU transporters wishing to transport live animals into GB by rail, road, sea or air (including Eurotunnel) after 31st December 2020 will need to make applications to the relevant delegated bodies for Certificates of Competence and Vehicle Approval Certificates, and to APHA for a Transporter Authorisation. To apply for a Transporter Authorisation, you must be represented in GB.

Further information on how to apply can be obtained by contacting APHA by email: CITCarlisle@apha.gov.uk

Q22. What does “Representation” in GB mean?

A. In order to obtain a Transporter Authorisation issued in GB, applicants are required to be established (e.g. living in GB) or represented in GB.

In order to confirm you are established within GB you will need to provide APHA with your GB address and full contact details.

Where a person or business is providing representation on your behalf, you will need to provide APHA with the name of the person or business, a full GB address and full contact details.

Representation within GB can be in any of the following forms:

- GB agent
- GB transporter
- GB business
- GB individual

Q23. Do I have to obtain Certificates of Competence in GB, or will they accept my EU issued certificate as proof I hold the qualifications?

A. Certificates of Competence issued in the EU will not be valid in GB after 31st December 2020. Therefore, you will need to undertake GB training and assessment in order to obtain a new Certificate of Competence from a relevant delegated body within GB.

Q24. Will GB recognise Irish Certificates of competence under the Common Travel Area Agreement?

A. The Common Travel Agreement places obligations on the UK and Ireland to ensure its nationals have a right to settle and work in both territories.

GB has made provision for the recognition of training carried out in Ireland as equivalent to that of GB, for the purposes of granting driver and attendant Certificates of Competence

In order to apply for a GB Certificate of Competence, you must be able to provide a copy of your valid Certificate of Competence issued in Ireland, a copy of the training and assessment undertaken which shows the species of animal you have been permitted to transport and what type of journey you have been assessed to undertake.

For further information and an application form, please contact APHA;
CITCarlisle@apha.gov.uk

Q25. Do I need to take my vehicle to GB for my Vehicle Approval Certificate?

A. Vehicle Approval Certificates issued by the EU will not be valid in GB after 31st December 2020. Therefore, you will need to bring your vehicle to GB to be inspected by the relevant delegated body.

Further information on how to apply can be obtained by contacting APHA by email:
CITCarlisle@apha.gov.uk

Q26. Can I apply now to GB for Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence, and Vehicle Approval Certificates, ahead of 31st December 2020?

A. Under Article 12 of Council Regulation EC No 1/2005, transporters cannot apply for transporter authorisation in more than one Member State at a time. If a transporter holding an EU authorisation wishes to apply for a GB authorisation, then they would need to wait until after

31st December 2020. They would need to obtain representation within GB and then apply to APHA for a new transporter authorisation.

Under Article 18 of Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 it is not permissible to hold vehicle approval in more than one Member State. It may be possible to have your vehicle inspected prior to 1st January 2021; however, approval certificates can only be granted from 1st January 2021 onwards.

The Regulation does not prohibit making an application for a second Certificate of Competence, so it is possible that you may apply and obtain this from the relevant delegated body within GB ahead of 1st January 2021.

Q27. Can I hold both a UK and EU version of Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence, and Vehicle Approval Certificates?

A. After 31st December 2020 it will be possible to hold both versions of the documentation, since the UK will no longer be treated as an EU Member State.

Q283 Do I require a Journey Log for movements from the EU to GB?

A. If you are transporting cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and unregistered horses on a journey of over 8 hours from the EU or a 3rd country into GB in connection with an economic activity, you will require a Journey Log. This includes journeys by rail, sea, air or road (including Eurotunnel).

Please refer to Q30 to for details of how and where to apply

Please refer to Q33 for further information on the import of equines.

Q29. Is a Journey Log required for flying?

A. If the overall journey time from place of departure in the EU or a third country to GB exceeds 8 hours, then a Journey Log approved by APHA is required. Please see Q27 for details of how to apply.

If originating from a location in the EU, you will need to confirm with the EU country where the journey commences if a separate EU Journey Log is required.

Q30. Will Journey Logs approved by the EU be accepted in GB?

A. No. Journey Logs approved by the EU authorities will not be accepted in GB after 31st December 2020. A separate Journey Log approved by GB will be needed for travel in GB. The GB and EU approved Journey Logs will both be required to cover the entire journey.

Q31. I need a Journey Log for a journey taking place from the EU to the UK after 31st December 2020, where do I apply for approval?

A. If the animals are travelling from the EU into the GB then you must obtain a Journey Log ahead of your journey taking place as follows:

i) If your journey begins in EU and ends in GB, you must obtain approval for your Journey Log in the Member State of origin and from the Animal and Plant Health Agency, to cover the entire journey.

ii) For journeys originating in the EU and transiting GB please see Q34

Q32. How far in advance of my journey taking place, do I need to apply to APHA for a Journey Log?

A. Journey Logs should be applied for at least 2 working days in advance of the journey.

Q33. Where do I return my Journey Log after the journey is complete?

A. All Journey Logs should be returned to the relevant approval authority within 30 days of the journey taking place.

i) GB approved Journey Logs should be returned to APHA

ii) NI approved Journey Logs should be returned to DAERA

iii) EU approved Journey Logs should be returned to the competent authority in the EU Member State which granted approval for the journey to take place.

Q34. I have a horse which holds registered status in the EU what are the changes after the end of the Transition Period on 31 December 2020?

A. From January 2021, new import requirements will apply to live animals, including equines. EU Transporters will require a Transporter Authorisation, a driver/attendant Certificate of Competence, and a valid Vehicle Approval Certificate issued by the UK authorities. Applications for Journey Logs for unregistered horses travelling on journeys over 8 hours, must be submitted to APHA for any journeys ending in or transiting through GB, ahead of the journey taking place.

Transporter Authorisations, driver/attendant Certificates of Competence, Vehicle Approval Certificates and Journey Logs issued by an EU Member State are no longer valid for use in GB.