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UK TRANSITION

New Measures for Moving Live Animals (Inc. Equines) From Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI)

The United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU) on 31 January 2020 and since then, we have been in a transition period where the UK Government works with the EU to reach a trade agreement.

The Government has published a [Command Paper](#) setting out the details of an agreement in principle on the implementation of the Northern Ireland Protocol. As a result, from the 1 January 2021, new measures and procedures for traders who move live animals¹, from Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI) will come into force.

We encourage businesses to start thinking about the appropriate and relevant actions they will need to take in order to be best placed for the new requirements and opportunities that lay ahead.

To assist you with the new measures, we have organised a webinar that will provide you with further information to enable you to continue to move live animals from GB to NI.

The webinar will incorporate the end to end process and journey for moving products from GB to NI. It will take you through the preparation and the steps to continue moving your products and what checks to expect when they arrive in NI.

For joining instructions and more information, please refer to the webinar schedule on page 3.

Additionally, we have arranged for an Export Health Certificate (EHC) webinar recording to be made available on GOV.UK for traders who will require EHCs. This will take you through the requirements, a demonstration of the EHC Online service and covers how to obtain an EHC.

For joining instructions and more information, please refer to the webinar schedule on page 3.

If you have any questions on the new requirements, please refer to the [GOV.UK Transition](#) and [Moving Goods Into or Out of Northern Ireland](#) websites. In addition, please review our [Moving Goods from GB to NI Trader Showcase](#) site, that contains key information and documents for traders moving live animals. This site is updated as and when new information becomes available. Please visit this site regularly to ensure you have the latest updates.

¹ Live animals—includes living animals that are moved for the purposes of farming, keep as pets and equines, research and for the purposes of human food consumption and livestock.



Supporting Businesses

As traders will need to understand and comply with new sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements designed to protect human, plant, and animal health when moving products to and through NI, Defra is introducing a new scheme. Known as the Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS), it will provide various levels of support to traders.

One level of support is a dedicated contact centre where businesses can call for advice on moving products from GB to NI.

This service will be available from 16 December 2020 and will be able to support you with understanding the policy changes and providing practical support. Specialist advisors will be able to advise on matters such as Export Health Certificates and live animals.

Secondly, the scheme will provide financial assistance for traders moving food or agricultural products for which specific SPS controls apply—meaning the UK Government will cover, for example, reasonable costs for obtaining Export Health Certificates. Businesses can be assured that despite the new requirements of the Protocol, businesses will be supported to deal with new direct costs.

We will share further information on these arrangements and details for the contact centre shortly.

If you have any questions to any of the information contained in this document, please email us at traders@defra.gov.uk.

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Moving Live Animals (Inc. Equines) From GB to NI Webinar

Title of Webinar	Description	Who Should Attend?	Date	Time	Register Here
Great Britain to Northern Ireland End to End Journey for Live Animals	<p>This session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The steps businesses need to follow to move products from Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI) ➤ The preparation and steps to continue to move your products ➤ Information on guidance documentation and links for further information ➤ Where businesses can get support and advice lines available ➤ An opportunity to ask questions 	Traders who move live animals (Inc. equines) from GB to the NI	Tuesday 15 December	10:00am - 11:30am	https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqc-GvqD0uE9xr4Mt3lsc6F35YOaglGJo7

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- Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email and a link to add the webinar to your calendar
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