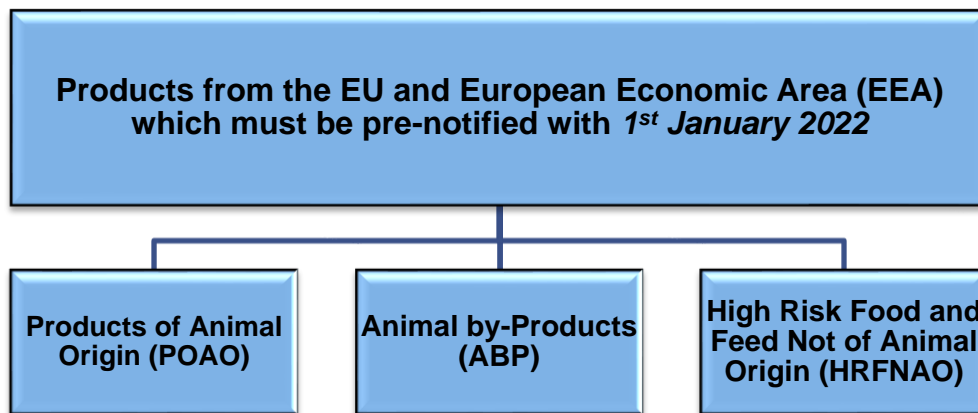




Importing products into the UK from the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA)



Further information

- **Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS)** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system>
- **Products of animal origin (POAO)** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-or-move-food-and-drink-from-the-eu-and-northern-ireland-to-great-britain>
- **Animal by products (ABP) and high risk food and feed of non-animal origin (HRFNAO)** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-live-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin>
- **Live animals and germinal products** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-live-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin#live-animals-and-germinal-products>
- **POAO you cannot import** – <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-or-move-food-and-drink-from-the-eu-and-northern-ireland-to-great-britain#poao-you-cannot-import-from-1-january-2022>



FAQ

How should products be notified to the Port Health Authority?

Starting with 1st of January 2022 – all importers of Products of Animal Origin (POAO), Animal By-Products (ABP) and High-Risk Foods Not of Animal Origin (HRFNAO) consignments must raise an 'IMP' notification of an import on the Import of products, animals, food and feed system (**IPAFFS**).

More about the use of IPAFFS, how to register and to use the system here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system>

What documents do I need? And where do I send them?

In addition to the notification on **IPAFFS**, **Hull and Goole Port Health Authority** is using the **PHILIS system** to manage and process imports.

You should therefore ensure that Organic Certificates (COI), IUU Catch Certificates and Declarations for Plastic Kitchenware originating from China or Hong Kong are sent to the Authority using PHILIS DES.

To avoid any unnecessary delays, you need to either use PHILIS DES or **send the IUU documents to our inbox**: imports@hullandgoolepha.gov.uk

If you upload IUU documents for processing to IPAFFS the information might be missed.

- To use **PHILIS DES** you can register here: <https://des.philis.co.uk/login/login>
- **Organic Certificates** (COI): <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-organic-food>
- **IUU Catch Certificates**: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-fish-to-the-uk>
- **Plastic Kitchenware**: <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/importing-plastic-kitchenware-from-china-and-hong-kong>

What is IPAFFS system?

IPAFFS is the import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS) and is the system used to notify the arrival of imports of *live animals*, *animal products* and *high-risk food and feed not of animal origin* into GB.



What information is needed for IPAFFS?

To register for IPAFFS you need a Government Gateway account, and various company information. We have a [guide](#) and a [video](#) showing how to register for IPAFFS. To submit a notification, you will need to know the details of the import including, but not limited to:

- What type of animal product or goods you're importing (i.e., POAO, ABP, HRFNAO)
- Origin of the animal product or goods (which country it was produced, originated in)
- Commodity code (Selectable from a predefined list)
- Commodity type (Selectable from a predefined list)
- Species of the commodity (Selectable from a predefined list)
- Commodity weight (kg)
- Date of arrival into Great Britain
- Reason for importing consignment (i.e., internal market, transit, research, etc)
- Consignment's place of destination
- Addresses and contact details for place of origin, importer and place of destination
- Details of port of entry

Is IPAFFS linked to the EU TRACES NT system?

No, IPAFFS is *not linked* to EU Traces NT.

We are an international company but have no UK entity. Are we able to use IPAFFS?

No. For animal and animal product imports from the EU to Great Britain, *the person responsible for the consignment on arrival in GB should have a UK address* and be registered on IPAFFS to submit the notification.



How far in advance do we pre-notify on IPAFFS and when is the latest we can do this?

Pre-notification time is set in legislation, which requires pre-notification to be made at least 24 hours prior to arrival at the port of entry. However, the legislation allows for a derogation, reducing the notification time to no less than four hours prior to arrival, where logistical constraints prevent earlier pre-notification. This derogation can be applied by the competent authority at the Border Control Post (BCP).

Starting with 1st January 2022 businesses will be able to take advantage of the derogation and notify **no less than four hours** in advance of arrival at the point of entry, without any need to contact the relevant competent authority.

Anyone taking advantage of the derogation *between 1st January and 30th June* will need to consider that they *may not be able to do so from 1st July 2022*.

This applies only to **EU to GB** imports of POAO, ABP and HRFNAO subject to SPS border controls starting with 1st January 2022. This temporary derogation does not apply to rest of world goods transiting the EU which are not cleared for circulation on the EU market where the final destination is Great Britain.

Where can products from the EU and European Economic Area (EEA) be imported into the UK?

Beginning with 1st of January to 1st of July 2022 EU and EEA products including **POAO, ABP** and **HRFNAO** can continue to enter through any UK port, as during this period consignments will be subject to documentary checks only.



What fees and charges will apply?

The current costs for checks on non - EU products are published on our website -

<https://www.hullandgoolepha.gov.uk/files/bcp-charges---july-2020.pdf>

Until 1st of July 2022 Port Health Authorities will be making **no charges** for documentary checks undertaken on EU products where Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) checks are applicable.

From 1st of July 2022 charges for documentary and physical checks **will be introduced**. We are awaiting further guidance on charges for SPS checks and will publish these as soon as they are confirmed.

How do I pay?

Hull and Goole Port Health Authority will be using **PHILIS** to manage and process imports, including the processing of relevant charges prior to clearance.

This **will require each importer/agent to set up a pre-payment account with the Authority to allow charges to be assigned and credited for each consignment imported**. We are currently advising importers/agents to contact us prior to April 1st, 2022, to provide us with their details.

We will be able to start collecting charges for the completion of Official Controls on imported food products through PHILIS from the 1st April 2022.

*** From 1st July 2022, the information required for notifying consignments will change and additional fields will need to be completed. We will provide you with these details in due course.**



**** Further information -**

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1004070/2021_July_BordersOPModel_Publishing_2_.pdf

Further Advice –

We are receiving a large number of queries, therefore if you require further information or advice, we would encourage you to provide as much detail as possible to allow us to give the correct information and refer all queries to our dedicated import email address –

imports@hullandgoolepha.gov.uk