

BREXIT HUB

Documentation and Registration Requirements: What is needed and when it should be received

Introduction

The transition period between the UK and the EU will end on 31 December 2020. This means that the UK will no longer be a member of the EU's Single Market nor the Common Customs Union. These changes will result in a series of significant, and depending on the timing, abrupt changes to how rural businesses operate. There will also be changes in the documentation that will be required in order to trade with the EU and non-EU countries.

This briefing note, and others on different subjects that can be found on the CLA Brexit Hub - <https://www.cla.org.uk/brexit> - provides rural business owners with information on the documentation which will be required from 1 January 2021 in order for businesses to continue trading. It covers:

- Documentation required and the standard time before receipt of documents;
- Registration required before undertaking certain trading activities.

Of course, the decision about what actions to take will be unique to every businesses' needs. This guidance is not intended to make a judgement on the specific activities you should be undertaking, or about the longer-term effects of the UK's exit from the EU.

Relevant documentation

The table below sets out the relevant documentation for businesses wishing to trade with the EU and non-EU countries. It also sets out the anticipated time it will take for a business to receive the necessary documentation.

Activity	Documentation required	Time before receipt of documentation
Exporting plants and plant products	Phytosanitary certificate	Up to 7 days. For more information go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-plants-and-plant-products-from-1-january-2021
Exporting animals and animal products	Export Health Certificate	Up to 3 days. For more information go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin-from-1-january-2021
Transport of fruit and vegetables to and through EU	EU certificate of conformity (with marketing standards)	Up to 7 days. For more information go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fresh-fruit-and-vegetable-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021

International road haulage	Driver licences and permits: - UK licence for the Community - European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) permit	Automatic authorisation Go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ecmt-international-road-haulage-permits
Exporting poultry marketing standards	Marketing with a farming method (eg Free Range) Poultrymeat optional indications certificate	Up to 6 weeks Up to 6 weeks. For more information go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/poultry-meat-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021
Exporting horses and other equines	Export Health Certificate Supplementary travel identification (other equines)	Allow for at least 6 weeks before exporting horses and other equines. For more information go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-horses-and-ponies-from-1-january-2021

Registration

The table below sets out the registration requirements businesses will need to undertake before they are in a position to be able to trade in a number of sectors.

Activity	Registration required	Time before receipt of documentation
Importing and exporting goods with the EU	Economic Operator and Registration Identification number (EORI)	Up to 7 days before authorisation. For more information go to: https://www.gov.uk/eori
Importing and exporting fruit and vegetables	Procedure for Electronic Application for Certificates from the Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate (PEACH)	Digital registration: go to http://ehmipeach.defra.gov.uk/
Protected names:	UK Geographic Indication (GI) scheme	Up to 6 weeks: Go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protecting-food-and-drink-names-from-1-january-2021
Exporting food products	Approved Food Establishment	Up to 4 weeks. Go to: https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/applying-for-approval-of-a-food-establishment
Marketing seeds in the UK and EU	Plant variety rights	Up to 9 weeks for both UK and EU. Go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plant-variety-rights-a



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Exporting Hops to the EU	Rural Payments Agency	Up to 7 days. Go to: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/enrol-with-the-rural-payments-agency-to-export-hops-to-the-eu

Members are advised to read carefully the briefing notes that will be posted on the CLA Brexit Hub to ensure compliance with the new rules from 1 January 2021.