



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU-UK TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT – NEW UPDATE

Brexit - the UK Government announces changes in its timetable to introduce new rules and checks

I. BACKGROUND

During the last CLTM meeting on 4 March 2021, it was announced that on 1 April 2021, a number of new requirements (customs, sanitary and phytosanitary rules) would be introduced by the UK. Further changes were foreseen for 1 July 2021. Today, the UK Government announced substantial changes in the implementation of its original timetable. The EU and UK have also agreed to extend the provisional application of their Trade and Cooperation Agreement to 30 April 2021.

II. PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

In a statement issued today, the UK Government announced the following changes in its implementation timetable:

- **Pre-notification requirements** for Products of Animal Origin (POAO), certain animal by-products (ABP), and High Risk Food Not Of Animal Origin (HRFNAO) will not be required until **1 October 2021**. Export Health Certificate requirements for POAO and certain ABP will come into force on the same date.
- Customs import declarations will still be required, but the option **to use the deferred declaration scheme**, including submitting supplementary declarations up to six months after the goods have been imported, has been extended to **1 January 2022**.
- **Safety and Security Declarations** for imports will not be required until **1 January 2022**.
- **Physical SPS checks** for POAO, certain ABP, and HRFNAO will not be required until **1 January 2022**. At that point they will take place at Border Control Posts.
- **Physical SPS checks on high risk plants** will take place at Border Control Posts, rather than at the place of destination as now, from **1 January 2022**.
- **Pre-notification requirements and documentary checks**, including phytosanitary certificates will be required for low risk plants and plant products, and will be introduced from **1 January 2022**.
- From **March 2022**, **checks at Border Control Posts** will take place on live animals and low risk plants and plant products.
- Traders moving controlled goods into the UK will continue to be ineligible for the deferred customs declaration approach. They will therefore be required to complete a full customs declaration when the goods enter the UK.

More information can be found [here](#).

III. ACTION FOR MEMBERS

Members are invited to use this information to update the transport operators of the changes in the UK plans. The delays in the UK implementation timetable provide extra time to prepare the transport operators for the

next steps in the introduction of customs, sanitary and phytosanitary rules. IRU recommends members to continue providing assistance and guidance to transport operators in their preparations for the next steps. It is essential that the transport operators are ready.

IRU will undertake a number of initiatives to organise additional guidance sessions from the UK and EU side and will keep members informed of further developments.

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