



## **TRADER NOTICE – IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PATHOGENS INTO IRELAND FROM THE UK AFTER THE TRANSITION PERIOD ENDS**

### **Context-Brexit**

The United Kingdom left the European Union on the 31 January 2020. A transition period will apply until at least 31 December 2020. During this period, EU rules will continue to apply to the UK, and the UK will remain part of the EU's Single Market. After the end of the transition period, the introduction of animal pathogens, as defined below, from the UK will be prohibited unless authorised in advance by a licence issued by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. **The movement of animal pathogens from Northern Ireland into the EU is regarded as an intra-EU movement<sup>1</sup>.**

### **Requirements**

- Confirm that the animal pathogen falls within the definition of a pathogenic agent in the [Importation of Pathogenic Agents Order, 1997 \(S.I. No. 373/1997\)](#).
- The responsible operator must register with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and with TRACES NT. To register please email: [BrexitRegistration@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:BrexitRegistration@agriculture.gov.ie).
- Apply for a VET40 Import Licence from DAFM. For further information, please contact: [AnimalProductImports@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:AnimalProductImports@agriculture.gov.ie).
- The responsible operator must give 24 hours prior notification of the arrival of the consignment by submitting Part 1 of the Common Health Entry Document (CHED-P) in TRACES NT.
- Animal pathogens must be presented at a designated border control post (BCP). Additional designations will be added for Dublin Airport and Rosslare Port at the end of the transition period. The list of Ireland's designated BCPs is available at: [https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/bcps\\_contact\\_ireland.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/bcps_contact_ireland.pdf).
- Each consignment undergoes documentary, identity, and, at an appropriate frequency, physical checks at the BCP, which are subject to fees.
- For further detailed information and application forms: <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/importofanimalsandanimalproducts/pathogens/>
- Further queries regarding the importation of animal pathogens should be sent to : [AnimalProductImports@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:AnimalProductImports@agriculture.gov.ie).

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<sup>1</sup> **Note: the requirement for a VET40 Import Licence also applies to the importation of animal pathogens from Northern Ireland; however animal pathogens from Northern Ireland are not subject to the requirements to submit a CHED-P or to present at a designated BCP.**