

Food and Feed Changes from 1st January 2021

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How Can Hertfordshire Trading Standards Help?

Hertfordshire Trading Standards can advise you on the following key areas: -

Food and Feed Labelling
and Standards

Pet Passports

Textiles & Footwear
Composition & Materials

Product Safety and Standards including: -

- ✓ Cosmetics
- ✓ Toys
- ✓ Construction products
- ✓ Fireworks
- ✓ Weights & Measures

Animal Movements and
Identification

UKCA, UKNI and CE
Markings

Energy Labelling of
Electronic Products

Trading Standards offer 1 hour of free advice (per year) and chargeable tailored advice specific to your business needs.

Contact Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice and information: -

Use [The Trading Standards pages](#) to find out more information or give us a call on 01707 281401. Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

Below are some of the key changes you need to be aware of and the links to the Gov UK website for further information.

What do I need to consider?	Why?	How do I get more information?
Are you a food business operator that applies the UK/EC health and identification marks to Products of Animal Origin (POAO)?	From the 1 st January 2021 new health and identification marks must be used for POAO produced or placed on the GB and NI market or exported outside of the UK.	For details on health and identification marks, please Speak with your local Environmental Health team: https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council For further details from the Food Standards Agency, please see: https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/guidance-on-health-and-identification-marks-that-applies-from-1-january-2021

<p>Are you a food business operator that places pre-packaged food on the NI or EU market?</p>	<p>The labelling rules are changing. Pre-packed food sold in NI must include a NI or EU FBO address from 1st January 2021. You can continue to use an EU, GB or NI address for the FBO on pre-packaged food or caseins sold in GB until 30 September 2022. From 1 October 2022, pre-packaged food or caseins sold in GB must include a UK address for the FBO. If the FBO is not in the UK, include the address of your importer, based in the UK.</p>	<p>You need to understand which rules apply to your business.</p> <p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more information.</p> <p>Or see Gov UK for full details: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/food-and-drink-labelling-changes-from-1-january-2021</p>
<p>Do you produce, manufacture, retail, distribute, import or export beef and veal?</p>	<p>Marketing standards for beef and veal change on 1st January 2021.</p>	<p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice on the new standards.</p> <p>Or for more information see Gov UK: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/beef-and-veal-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021</p>
<p>Do you manufacture, retail or distribute poultry meat in GB?</p>	<p>Marketing standards for poultry meat will change on 1st January 2021.</p>	<p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice on the new standards.</p> <p>Or for more information see Gov UK: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/poultry-meat-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021</p>
<p>Do you produce, manufacture, retail, distribute, import or export eggs?</p>	<p>Marketing standards for importing eggs to the GB market from the EU will change. Guidance on this is not yet available. If you export eggs to the EU from 1st January you need to follow the new rules.</p>	<p>Please go to Gov UK for more information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/egg-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021</p>
<p>Are you a manufacturer, retailer or distributor of hatching eggs and chicks?</p>	<p>The marketing standards for hatching eggs and chicks changes on 1st January 2021.</p>	<p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more advice.</p> <p>Or see Gov UK for details: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hatching-eggs-and-chicks-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021</p>
<p>Do you produce, manufacture, retail or distribute hops and hops products?</p>	<p>The marketing standards for hops and hops products is changing from 1st January 2021. You will need to check that your labelling is correct for the GB market and what you need to do if you export or import these products.</p>	<p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more advice.</p> <p>Or see Gov UK for details: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hops-and-hops-products-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021</p>
<p>Do you import, export, produce, retail or distribute wine?</p>	<p>There are some changes that you need to be aware of, which may affect your business.</p>	<p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more advice.</p> <p>Or please see Gov UK for further details:</p>

		https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-wine-from-1-january-2021 Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more advice. Or see Gov UK for details: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fresh-fruit-and-vegetable-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021
Do you import, pack, distribute or retail fresh fruit and vegetables ?	The marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetables is changing from 1 st January 2021 for imports and exports to or from the EU. There is no change for non-EU countries.	
Are you a GB Food Business Operator?	You need to be aware of the changing rules for labelling including logos and specific standards relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minced Meat • Olive Oil • Honey • Country of origin labels 	Food and drink products, manufacturers, retailers and suppliers must change their labels from 1 st January 2021. Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice on the labelling changes and what is different between GB and EU markets. Or see Gov UK for further information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/food-and-drink-labelling-changes-from-1-january-2021
Are you a GB food business operator that has a Geographical Indication (GI) log?	From 1 st January 2021 the UK will set up its own GI schemes. Producers or retailers of GB food, drink and agricultural GI products registered before 1 January 2021, will have until 1 January 2024 to change packaging and marketing materials to display the new UK GI logos. The UK logo will be mandatory for GB products registered from 1 January 2021 onwards. Northern Ireland will have different requirements.	Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more advice on GI logo changes. Or see Gov UK for further details:- https://www.gov.uk/guidance/food-and-drink-labelling-changes-from-1-january-2021
Do you produce, process, label or trade in organic food and feed in GB and EU? Do you use the EU emblem on your labelling?	There are new GB organic rules in place from 1 st January 2021 including use of the EU organic logo, with specific timings for certain requirements, as well as changes to using the EU emblem. The EU has yet to decide whether to continue accepting food and feed registered in the UK as organic from 1 January 2021, further details will be available shortly.	Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice on food and feed labelling changes. Or for detailed guidance on exporting products and labelling changes: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trading-and-labelling-organic-food-from-1-january-2021
Do you make nutrition or health claims on your products?	From 1 st January 2021 there will be a new GB Nutrition and Health Claims (GB NHC) Register. All previously authorised/listed claims on the EU Community Register will be adopted and included in the new GB NHC Register. New or on hold claims will have to follow the new processes.	Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more advice on nutrition and health claims. Or for detailed guidance please see Gov UK:

		https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nutrition-related-labelling-composition-and-standards-from-1-january-2021/nutrition-related-labelling-composition-and-standards-from-1-january-2021
Do you manufacture vitamins or minerals?	From 1 st January 2021 there will be a new GB Vitamins, Minerals and Certain Other Substances Register (GB VMS Register). From 1 st January there will be minor changes to the regulatory framework that governs food supplements.	<p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more advice.</p> <p>Or see Gov UK for further details:- https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nutrition-related-labelling-composition-and-standards-from-1-january-2021/nutrition-related-labelling-composition-and-standards-from-1-january-2021#food-supplements</p>
Are you exporting animals or animal products (including food)?	Are you ready to get your Export Health Certificate? You cannot export without it and the process to get one takes time.	<p>Don't delay your exports. For all the information including how to get your certificate approved, please see Gov UK:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-an-export-health-certificate</p>
Do you export composite food products from GB to EU?	Composite food products are for human consumption only and contain a mix of processed products of animal origin. You need to check if your product is exempt or you will need to follow the EU standards.	<p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more information on composite foods.</p> <p>Or see Gov UK for details on how to assess your composite food product and the export requirements: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-composite-food-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021</p>
Do you export meat or meat products from GB to NI or EU?	The labelling rules are changing. You may need a certificate to export these products from a UK Competent Authority for farming or chilling methods.	<p>You need to understand which rules apply to your business.</p> <p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more information.</p> <p>Or see Gov UK for full details: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/food-and-drink-labelling-changes-from-1-january-2021#exporting-to-the-eu</p>
Do you export fish for human consumption into the EU?	To export fish to the EU after 1 January 2021, you'll need to follow the same rules that are currently in place for exports of fish to some non-EU countries. You may also need other documents and follow customs rules.	<p>To understand all the requirements see Gov UK: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-fish-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021</p>

The basic requirements for Exports

The follow are key steps you need to consider when importing to the GB from Northern Ireland or Europe. Without following these steps you will not be able to import your product. Registration takes time so please allow for this to possibly delay your import.

What do I need to consider?	Why?	How do I get more information?
Do you have an EORI number?	<p>From 1 January 2021 you'll need an EORI number to move goods between the UK and the EU. If you do not have one, you may have increased costs and delays.</p> <p>You'll not usually need an EORI number if you only provide services.</p> <p>DON'T DELAY – applications can take up to a week.</p> <p>If you already have an EORI - From 1 January 2021 you'll need an EORI number that starts with GB to move goods to or from the UK.</p>	Further details and how to apply: https://www.gov.uk/eori
Do you have an XI-EORI number for Northern Ireland trade?	<p>From 1 January 2021 traders will need an Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number that starts with XI to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• move goods between Northern Ireland and non-EU countries• move goods from Northern Ireland to Great Britain <p>make a customs declaration or get a customs decision in Northern Ireland</p>	To get an EORI number that starts with XI, you must already have an EORI number that starts with GB. If you do not have one, apply for an EORI number that starts with GB as soon as possible.
Are you aware of the Commodity Codes system for customs declarations?	You'll need a commodity code to make your customs declaration when you bring goods in or send goods out of the UK or EU. This includes goods sent to you from abroad.	To find the right commodity code to classify your goods and check duty rates, please follow this link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/finding-commodity-codes-for-imports-or-exports
Are you exporting goods to Northern Ireland? Have registered for the Trader Support Service (TSS)?	If you are a trader or carrier that moves goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, you need to register for the Trader Support Service, otherwise you will not be able to move goods between the regions.	The Trader Support Service will raise declarations on your behalf for free. Training and support is available now. Register now to make sure you can continue to move goods in and out of Northern Ireland after 1 January. It only takes a few minutes. Do not delay. Register your company as a trader or carrier
Are you a GB Food Business Operator?	You need to be aware of the changing rules for labelling including logos and specific standards relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minced Meat• Olive Oil• Honey	Food and drink products, manufacturers, retailers and suppliers must change their labels from 1 st January 2021.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country of origin labels	<p>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice on the labelling changes and what is different between GB and EU markets.</p> <p>Or see Gov UK for further information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/food-and-drink-labelling-changes-from-1-january-2021</p>
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