

## GB IMPORTER REQUIREMENTS FROM EU & NI

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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?
Do you manufacture or sell products that are regulated by product safety and metrology in GB?	There are now detailed guides on the changes in regulations from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021. These include electrical, gas, lifts, machinery, weights & measures, outdoor equipment, PPE, pressure equipment, recreational craft and toys.	<b>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice.</b>  Or for specific detailed guides for placing goods on the GB market: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/product-safety-and-metrology-from-1-january-2021-great-britain">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/product-safety-and-metrology-from-1-january-2021-great-britain</a>

Do you manufacture, import or distribute products that have safety markings in GB, Northern Ireland or the EU?

For many product types transitional measures apply for the GB market. The UKCA mark will be replacing the CE mark for GB products, the CE mark will remain for EU products and the UKNI mark will be in place for products placed on the NI market.

	Type of good (see list of product areas below)	Accepted marking or combination of markings*
Placing goods on the market in Northern Ireland	Manufactured goods being placed on the market in NI using an EU conformity assessment body	CE
	Manufactured goods being placed on the market in NI using a UK-based body	CE and UKNI
Placing goods on the market in Great Britain	Manufactured goods being placed on the GB market until the end of 2021	UKCA or CE
	Manufactured goods placed on the GB market from 1 Jan 2022	UKCA
Placing qualifying Northern Ireland goods on the market in Great Britain (unfettered access)	Qualifying Northern Ireland goods being placed on the GB market under unfettered access	CE or CE and UKNI
Placing goods on the EU market	Manufactured goods being placed on the EU market	CE

The rules for safety marking will be different in each market. Make sure you are up to date with the requirements.

**Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice on the labelling requirements.**

Or Gov UK have further details:-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain-from-1-january-2021>

Does your company place medical devices on the GB market?	From 1 January 2021, there will be a number of changes to how medical devices are placed on the market in Great Britain.	Make sure you are aware of the new requirements and transitional timings. <b>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice on medical products.</b>  Or Gov UK <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regulating-medical-devices-from-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regulating-medical-devices-from-1-january-2021</a>
Do you manufacture, sell or distribute chemical substances or mixtures in the UK or EU?	You will need to comply to comply with the new obligations established under the UK REACH framework from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021.	For all the information including new guidance on notifying HSE: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-comply-with-reach-chemical-regulations">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-comply-with-reach-chemical-regulations</a>
Do you import or sell cosmetic products sourced from the EU?	From the 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 the UK has its own cosmetics legislation. You need to make sure you understand the changes that will impact businesses including salons and selling cosmetics online.	<b>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice.</b>  Or see Gov UK for GB and NI latest guidance: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/product-safety-and-metrology-from-1-january-2021-great-britain">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/product-safety-and-metrology-from-1-january-2021-great-britain</a>
Do you manufacture or sell products that are regulated by product safety and metrology in <b>Northern Ireland</b> ?	There are now detailed guides on the changes in regulations from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021. These include electrical, gas, lifts, machinery, weights & measures, outdoor equipment, PPE, pressure equipment, recreational craft and toys.	<b>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice.</b>  Or for specific detailed guides for placing goods on the <b>Northern Ireland</b> market: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/product-safety-and-metrology-from-1-january-2021-northern-ireland">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/product-safety-and-metrology-from-1-january-2021-northern-ireland</a>
Do you import live animals or products of animal original (POAO) into GB?	From 1 January 2021, you must use IPAFFS to notify APHA for imports into the UK from non-EU countries.	For details on IPAFFS and submitting a notification: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system</a>
Do you import animals, animal products and high-risk food and feed not of animal origin into the UK from the EU?	There will be new processes that importers must follow. These processes to import from an EU country will be introduced in 3 stages. You'll need to use the UK's IPAFFS for imports of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• live animals</li> <li>• POAO subject to veterinary checks</li> <li>• high-risk food and feed not of non-animal origin</li> <li>• germplasm (also called germinal products)</li> <li>• ABPs not intended for human consumption subject to veterinary checks</li> </ul>	For guidance on the 3 stage process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">1 January 2021</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">1 April 2021</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">1 July 2021</a></li> </ul> <p>The UK will operate a full, external border with the EU from 1 January 2021. This means that there will be controls on the movement of goods between the EU and GB.</p> <p>Follow the latest UK Gov guidance: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-animals-animal-">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-animals-animal-</a></p>

		<a href="#">products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin-from-1-january-2021</a>
Do you export meat or meat products from GB to NI or EU?	The labelling rules have changed. You may need a certificate to export these products from a UK Competent Authority for farming or chilling methods. You need to understand which rules apply to your business.	<b>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for more information.</b>  Or see Gov UK for full details: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/labelling-and-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/labelling-and-marketing-standards-from-1-january-2021</a>
Do you import animal and animal products into GB from EU?	You will need to get an import health certificate which is being introduced in a staged approach.	Find the health certificate you need for a live animal or animal product import to Great Britain, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man from 2021 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/health-certificates-for-animal-and-animal-product-imports-to-great-britain">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/health-certificates-for-animal-and-animal-product-imports-to-great-britain</a>
Do you import horses and other equines into GB from EU?	From 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021, equines can enter GB from the EU through any point of entry. All document checks will be carried out remotely. Identity and physical checks will be carried out in the destination country as necessary. From 1 July 2021, all equines from the EU must enter GB through a point of entry that contains a border control post (BCP). They'll have identity and physical checks at the BCP if necessary.	<b>For advice on horse passports and identification call Hertfordshire Trading Standards.</b>  Or Gov UK has published guidance on what you will need to do from January 2021: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-horses-and-ponies-from-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-horses-and-ponies-from-1-january-2021</a>
Do you produce, process, label or trade in <b>organic</b> food and feed in GB or export/import with the EU?	There are new GB organic rules in place from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 including use of the EU organic logo, with specific timings for certain requirements.  There are separate requirements and transition timings if you import/export organic products.	<b>Call Hertfordshire Trading Standards for further advice on food labelling changes.</b>  Or for detailed guidance including GB import system: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trading-and-labelling-organic-food-from-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trading-and-labelling-organic-food-from-1-january-2021</a>  For import/export changes please see GOV UK: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-organic-food">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-organic-food</a>
Do you import fish for human consumption into GB?	From 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 you may need to complete new documents and follow customs rules. You will need a validated catch certificate and if the fish you are importing has been stored or processed, you may also need additional documents.	To understand all the requirements please check here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-fish-from-the-eu-from-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-fish-from-the-eu-from-1-january-2021</a>

Do you import plants and plant products from the EU to GB?	There are new processes that importers must follow in 2021. These processes will start in 3 stages starting 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021.	For detailed guidance including transition period and requirements: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-plants-and-plant-products-from-1-january-2021#history">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-plants-and-plant-products-from-1-january-2021#history</a>
Do you import timber from EU to GB?	The European Timber Regulation and Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) will no longer apply in GB from 1 January 2021 and you will need to show imported timber has been legally harvested.	Full guidance on all areas of import: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trading-timber-imports-and-exports-from-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trading-timber-imports-and-exports-from-1-january-2021</a>
Do you receive personal data from the EU and EEA?	From 1 January 2021, your organisation may need to have Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) in place with EU counterparts in order to legally receive personal data from the EU.	You need to check the requirements in order to keep personal data flowing lawfully. For up to date information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-personal-data-in-your-business-or-other-organisation-after-the-transition-period#looking-ahead-to-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-personal-data-in-your-business-or-other-organisation-after-the-transition-period#looking-ahead-to-1-january-2021</a>
Did you know that the UK is introducing a new immigration system from 2021, which may impact employers?	If you employ individuals from the EU, they will need to use the online service to view their immigration status. Employers can continue to accept EU citizens' passports and identity cards as evidence of their immigration status until 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021.	For all the latest information and changing immigration system please visit: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-immigration-system-what-you-need-to-know">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-immigration-system-what-you-need-to-know</a>

### The basic requirements for Imports

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?	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. You'll not usually need an EORI number if you only provide services. <b>DON'T DELAY – applications can take up to a week.</b> <b>If you already have an EORI</b> - From 1 January 2021 you'll need an EORI number that starts with GB to move goods to or from the UK.	Further details and how to apply: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/eori">https://www.gov.uk/eori</a>
Do you have an XI-EORI number for Northern Ireland trade?	From 1 January 2021 traders will need an Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number that starts with XI to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• move goods between Northern Ireland and non-EU countries</li> <li>• move goods from Northern Ireland to Great Britain</li> </ul>	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, <a href="#">apply for an EORI number that starts with GB</a> as soon as possible.

	make a customs declaration or get a customs decision in Northern Ireland	
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: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/finding-commodity-codes-for-imports-or-exports">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/finding-commodity-codes-for-imports-or-exports</a>
Are you exporting goods to <b>Northern Ireland</b> ? 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. <a href="#">Register your company as a trader or carrier</a>