

BREXIT

Movement of Horses to and from GB from
1 January 2021

A Guide to what you need to know

Movement of horses

From 1st January 2021 there are significant changes for you to be aware of if you are moving horses

from UK to Europe and NI or **from Europe and NI to the UK**

Previously there has been free movement of horses between the UK and Ireland. This will now change including the movement of horses between **GB and Northern Ireland**

Government published guidelines can be found in a new document **BORDER OPERATING MODEL** (IMPORT from 1 Jan p82/83 from 1 July p163/164, EXPORT p220/221)

assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/949579/December_BordersOPModel__2_.pdf

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a light-colored horse's head, showing its eye, ear, and muzzle. The horse is looking towards the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

Guide to export & import

The following information is simply a **GUIDE**, highlighting what is required and is gathered from the current information available but this **may be subject to change**.

The information is aimed at giving STAGBI members as much information as possible to guide you through the new requirements. STAGBI takes no responsibility for any errors or omissions in the following information.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE NEW UK GOVERNMENT AND EU REGULATIONS REGARDING THE EXPORT and IMPORT of HORSES.

Outline of the changes

The following information outlines the changes to the **TEMPORARY & PERMANENT** movement of **REGISTERED** horses **to and from GB** after the 1st January 2021.

Please Note – there are different requirements for unregistered horses which are not included in this presentation.

As there are so many changes you may wish to avoid travel horses in January 2021 and it is recommended that you consider arranging the transport of horses through an experienced agent/transporter.

www.gov.uk/guidance/export-horses-and-ponies-special-rules

Key Changes

So if you are **BUYING/SELLING STANDARDBREDS** to or from Europe (inc Ireland) or travelling for the purpose of **RACING OR BREEDING** there are 5 Key Areas for you to be aware of.

Exports/Imports can be **TEMPORARY** (means up to 90 days duration) for example for Racing/Breeding or **PERMANENT** (means more than 90 days duration)

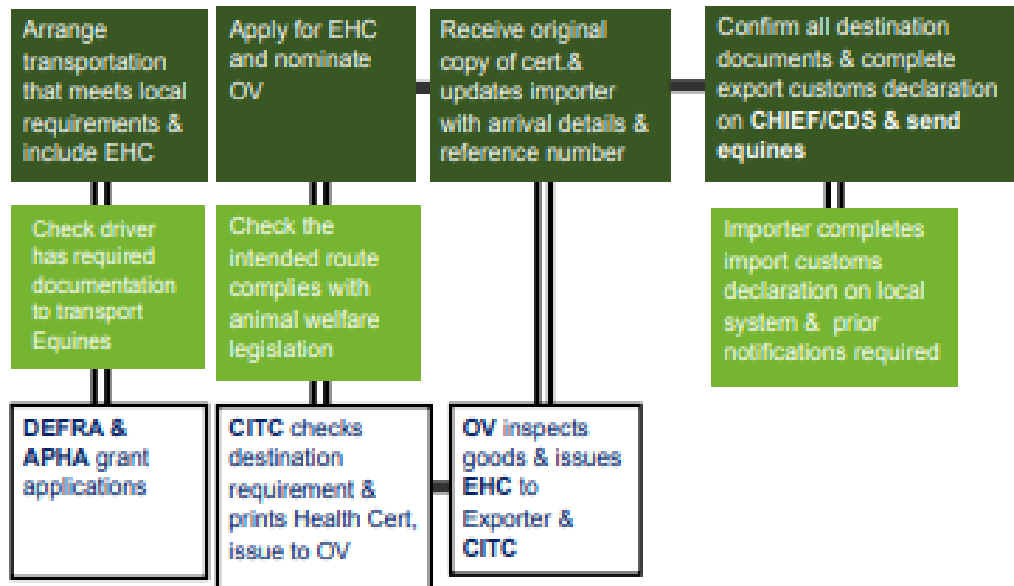
- 1. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - Blood tests, Vet checks, Health Certificate. You will need to contact an Official Veterinarian (OV) well in advance of travel.
(Note – not all Vets hold an OV qualification).
- 2. REGISTER with DEFRA** – for EORI, EHC & IPAAFS
- 3. CUSTOMS & VAT REQUIREMENTS** - New requirements
- 4. TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS** – registration and documentation
- 5. TIMELINE for TRANSPORTING HORSES** - you need to plan ahead

Permanent export to EU & NI

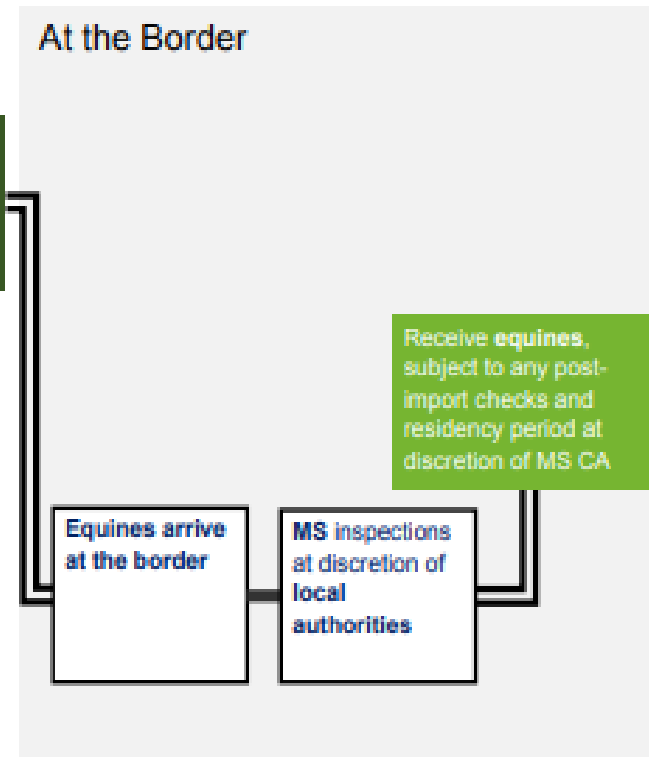
1. Horse must be **registered, microchipped** and have a **Valid** Passport (NB foals at foot also need a passport).
2. Horse to be kept on a UK holding (under Vet supervision) for **90** days prior to export and kept from other equines that do not have equivalent health status for at least **30 days** prior to export.
3. Horse will require **Blood Test** for **EIA** (Equine Infectious Anaemia) **within 30 days of travel** & **EVA** (Equine Viral Arteritis) for uncastrated males (older than 180 days) **within 21 days of travel**
4. You must **apply for EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE (EHC)** for an (EHC) 7 -10 days before travel. OV to sign EHC prior to travel.

4.2.3 Process Map: Equines January 2021

Pre-Export Steps



At the Border



Key: Process Step — Interactions — Importer — Authority — Exporter —

CITC: Centre for International Trade Carlisle EHC: Export Health Certificate MS: Member State OV: Official Veterinarian

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Temporary export to EU & NI

1. Horse must be **Registered** horse, **microchipped** and have a **Valid Passport** (NB foals at foot also need a passport).
2. Horse to be kept on a UK holding (under Vet supervision) for **40 days** prior to export and kept from other equines that do not have equivalent health status for at least **30 days** prior to export.
3. Horse will require **Blood Test** for **EIA** (Equine Infectious Anaemia) **within 90 days of travel** & **EVA** (Equine Viral Arteritis) for uncastrated males (older than 180 days) **within 21 days of travel**
4. You must **Apply for EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE (EHC)** for an (EHC) 7 -10 days before travel. OV to sign EHC prior to travel.

Pre export Residency and Isolation

TEMPORARY EXPORT

(= visits up to 90 days duration)

Before exporting a Registered Horse from GB to EU or NI, you will need to keep it on a UK holding for **40 days for temporary export**

PERMANENT EXPORT

(= visits more than 90 days duration)

OR

90 days for a permanent export.

This means that you need to contact your Vet as soon as possible so that he can verify that the horse has been on a UK holding and under his supervision for the required duration.

You must also keep the horse from other equines that do not have equivalent health status for at least **30 days prior to export**. The OV must inspect the horses at least twice in the 30 days prior to export.

NB not all Vets hold an OV qualification, and It is only an OV that can sign and stamp the EHC for you. If you are planning to export a horse then find an OV as soon as possible. A list of registered OV can be found on www.gov.uk/government/publications/find-a-professional-to-certify-export-health-certificates

Pre export Blood Tests & EHC

BLOOD TESTS REQUIRED

EIA (Equine Infectious Anaemia) COGGINS
within 90 days before travel for **temporary export** OR within 30 days before travel for **permanent export**.

EVA (Equine Viral Arteritis)
for uncastrated males (older than 180 days) within 21 days of travel

EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE (EHC)

For both **TEMPORARY and PERMANENT EXPORTS**, you must apply for an **(EHC)** 7 -10 days before travel. You will need to contact an Official Vet (OV) to complete EHC, EHC to be signed & stamped up to 48 hrs prior to travel. *NB not all Vets hold an OV qualification, and It is only an OV that can sign and stamp the EHC for you.* You can apply for the EHC on line go to:

www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-export-health-certificate

Equine Identification

CHECK THAT YOU HAVE THE CORRECT EQUINE IDENTIFICATION

As STAGBI Stud Book has been recognised by the EU you are able to use your STAGBI Horse Passport.

Please make sure that you have the Passport, that the horse is registered to the current owner and that the microchip scanned in the horses matches the microchip recorded in the passport. From Jan 2021, foals travelling will also require a passport. Currently DNA results are taking about 8 weeks, and passports are not issued until parental verification is confirmed by DNA.

If the STAGBI Passport was issued before 2007, please make sure that Section IX has been added to the passport and that the horse has a 15 digit UELN (for STAGBI registered horses the UELN will start with 826056). If you are not sure, then please contact STAGBI office.

If there are any issues with the Microchip number or that you have lost the passport then please contact STAGBI office.

Admin you need to do

- **Get an [EORI](#) number** - if you plan to move horses between UK and Europe after 1st Jan 2021
- **Register for the Export Health Certificate online ([EHCO](#))** - if you plan to export horses from UK after 1st January
- **Register for the Import of products animals, food and feed system ([IPAFFS](#))** – if you plan to import horses/goods into UK after 1st January

Register for EHC

You need to register for a EHC number. You will not be able to apply for EU EHCs if you are not registered. You need an export health certificate (EHC) to export live animals and animal products to the EU. You will also need an EHC to move live animals or animal products to Northern Ireland.

You will need a Government Gateway account and a DEFRA Account before you can apply for an EHC. Most applications can be made online

For more information and to apply for an EHC number go to:

www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-export-health-certificate

Get an EORI number

For the purpose of customs, from the 1st January you will need an EORI number to move horses (import or export) between GB (England, Scotland and Wales) and the EU. You may also need a separate EORI number if you move horses to or from Northern Ireland. If you do not have an EORI, you may have increased costs and delays.

If you already have an EORI, from the 1st January it needs to start with GB. Check that your EORI Number and apply for a new one if it doesn't start with GB.

Apply for an EORI number as soon as possible, it can take up to a week to get one.

To apply on line go to: www.gov.uk/eori

Register for IPAFFS (IMPORT ONLY)

IPAFSS (Import of products, animals, food and feed system) is the domestic system for the import of live animals etc into Great Britain.

You will need to use IPAFFS to notify:

- i) The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) about imports of live animals and germinal products (including equine semen) from EU and EEA countries to GB
- ii) Border control posts (BCPs) about imports of live animals from non-EU countries to GB

For more information and to register for IPAFFS go to:

www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system

Moving horse from GB to Northern Ireland from 1 Jan 2021

The UK Government has published the NORTHERN IRELAND PROTOCOL and from the 1st January 2021 www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/equines-importer-checklist

- Horses moving from GB to NI will need to enter NI at a designated point of entry (Belfast & LARNE), where they may be subject to controls. Pre-notification requirements will also apply.
- There will be no changes to the way equines are exported from NI to the EU. These exports will continue as before.
- There will be no changes in the way horses and other equines are moved from NI to GB from 1st January 2021. These movements will continue as before.
- The UK Government has launched the 'Movement Assistance Scheme' to assist people who transport animals from GB to NI. The support includes a dedicated helpline and will mean business will not have to pay certification costs. For more information go to: www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/equines-importer-checklist

Customs Declarations

Make sure you have an EORI number (Slide 13)

CUSTOMS DECLARATION

It may be advisable that you handle Customs Declarations through a third party and check if you are eligible for simplified customs procedures

Ensure the UK Customs Declaration is then made when the horse arrives

DETERMINE THE VALUE and FIND COMMODITY CODE FOR HORSES

For more information go to: www.gov.uk/guidance/tariffs-on-goods-imported-into-the-uk

Check VAT guidance to understand your VAT responsibilities, and why to retain evidence of import or export to apply zero VAT rate.

Customs Declarations continued

CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODE

Choose the right customs procedure code for your horses which will help you work out the customs and excise processes that you may want to use.

CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS

Use the import Control System if you import goods into the UK to give information to customs before your goods arrive. Go to [Register to make an entry summary declaration in Great Britain: service availability and issues - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-to-make-an-entry-summary-declaration-in-great-britain)

VAT

UK VAT-registered importers can account for import VAT on your VAT return. If registered for VAT, the VAT is zero rate on horses you export.

You might find a Q&A document on the BHA website useful

www.media.britishhorseracing.com/bha/Brexit/Brexit_FAQs.pdf

Transporting Horses

TRANSPORTERS

From 1 January 2021 Transporter Authorisations & Vehicle Approval Certificates and Driver and Attendant Certificates of Competence issued in the UK will not be recognised by the EU. You may not be able to apply for these from an EU member state before 1 January 2021.

Horses will only be able to enter the EU via a Border Control Point in the EU designated for the specific consignment.

Transporters should contact EU Border Control Points to check how much pre-notification is required.

DRIVING LICENCE

It will not be sufficient just to carry your UK Driving licence. Drivers will also need an International Driving Permit (IDP) in some EU countries. You do not need an IDP to drive in Ireland.

Transporting Horses continued

OPERATORS LICENCE

You need a good vehicle operators licence if your business uses goods vehicles above a certain weight. Check the licences and permits you need. Go to www.gov.uk/guidance/international-authorisations-and-permits-for-road-haulage

DRIVER CPC

UK Drivers need a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) qualification to drive a lorry professionally in the UK and other EU countries.

You do not need a Driver CPC if you are driving a vehicle under 3.5 tonnes or are only carrying your own goods

Import from EU into GB

Currently the import of Registered horse from EU to GB after 1 January 2021 is largely unchanged from previous. However the free movement of horses from the Ireland (ROI) to GB will no longer be permitted. There are no changes for the movement of horses from NI to GB.

1. You will need to **register for IPAFFS** and submit a notification through IPAFFS BEFORE your horse arrives in GB.
2. Horses that are **registered** with a EU-approved Studbook **do not require blood tests** prior to import.
3. **Registered** horses **do not have to meet isolation** or residency requirements prior to import
4. Exporter must apply for **Export Health Certificate** (EHC) from country of Export prior to export,
5. Horse must have a **valid** UK or EU issued **passport**.
6. From 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 horses can enter GB from EU via any point of entry. From 1 July 2021, all horses entering GB from EU through a Border Control Point and will be subject to ID & physical checks.

Import from EU into GB_{cont'd}

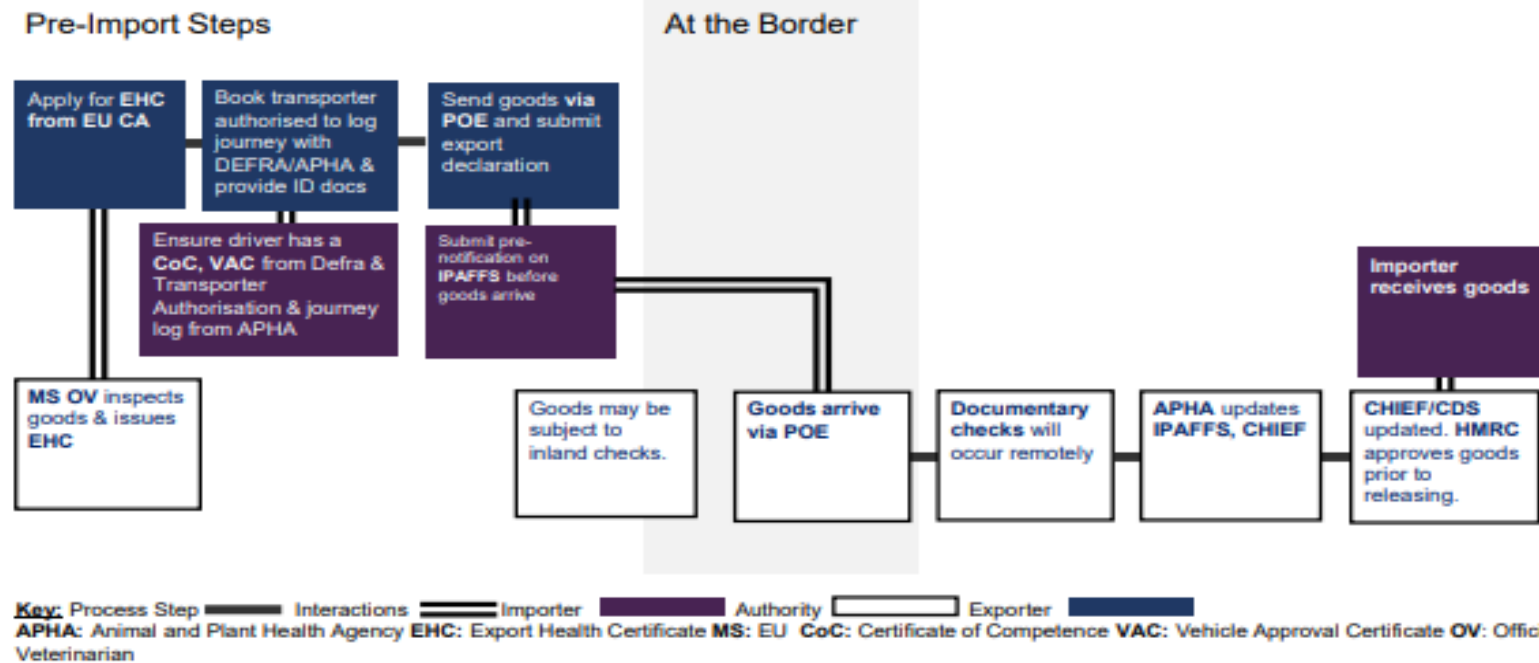
7. You or your Customs Agent will need to make a **customs declaration**
8. Before importing you must have an **EORI number**
9. Before importing you must have a **Commodity Code** and know the customs value of the goods you are importing
10. Before importing you may wish to apply for **ATA Carnet** to streamline customs processes

For more details on the above go to www.gov.uk/guidance/import-or-move-horses-and-ponies#Blood-testing [Import or move horses and ponies - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-or-move-horses-and-ponies)

REQUIREMENTS AFTER IMPORT

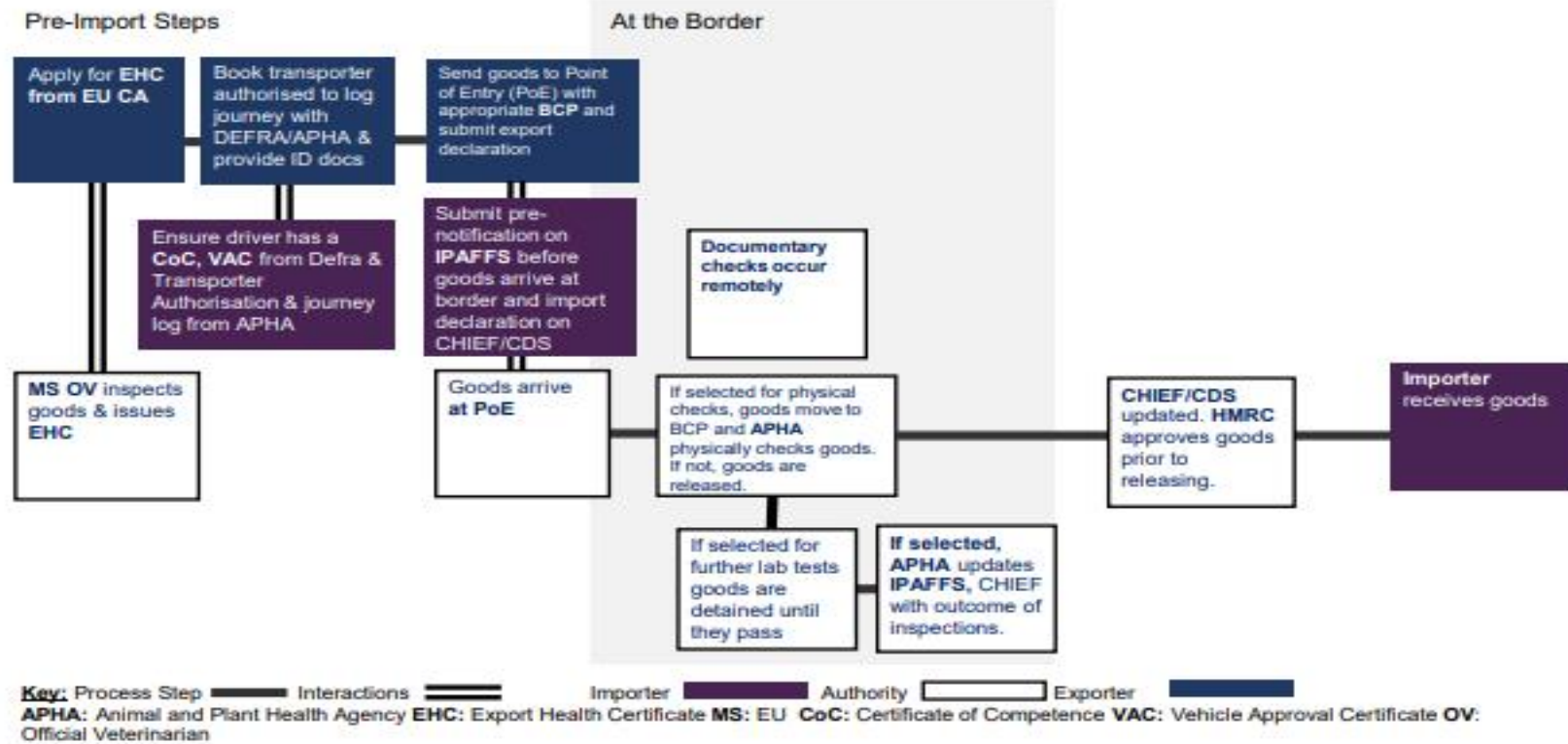
If the horse you are importing will remain in GB for more than 90 days, then you must register it with STAGBI within 30 days of import. Please contact STAGBI for the application form. You will need to submit application form, Passport and EHC to STAGBI for registration and over stamping of Passport.

1.2.3 Process Map Equines January 2021



Government Publication: BORDER OPERATING MODEL Import of Equines 1 Jan to 30 June 2021 p82/83

3.2.3 Process Map: Equines July 2021



TRANSPORTING a STAGBI Registered horse PERMANENTLY from GB to EU & NI after 1 Jan 2021

Action you need to take	DAYS prior to travel																		
	90	42	30	21		14		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Record of horse's whereabouts	90																		
Horse must be under Vet Supervision	90																		
Check your Vet is an OV (suggested time)		42																	
Discuss travel plans with your OV (suggested time)		42																	
Get a Gov Gateway Account (suggested time)		42																	
Apply for EORI No (suggested time)		42																	
Contact a Shipping Agent (suggested time)		42																	
Contact a UK Customs Agent (suggested time)		42																	
Register for EHC (suggested time)		42																	
Horse must be kept separate from other equines that do not have a similar health status			30																
EIA -Coggins test (earliest date it can be done)			30																
EVA test (uncastrated male) (earliest date it can be done)				21															
Apply for EHC (earliest date if can be done)								10											
EHC to be signed by OV																		11	

TRANSPORTING a STAGBI Registered horse TEMPORARILY from GB to EU & NI after 1 Jan 2021

	DAYS prior to travel																	
Action you need to take	90	42	40	21		14		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
EIA - Coggins test (earliest date it can be done)	90																	
Check your Vet is an OV (suggested date)		42																
Discuss travel plans with your OV (suggested date)		42																
Get a Gov Gateway Account (suggested date)		42																
Apply for EORI No (suggested date)		42																
Contact a Shipping Agent (suggested date)		42																
Contact a UK Customs Agent (suggested date)		42																
Register for EHC (suggested date)		42																
Horse must be kept separate from other equines that do not have a similar health status			40															
EVA test (uncastrated male) (earliest it can be done)				21														
Apply for EHC (earliest it can be done)								10										
EHC to be signed by OV																	11	

TRANSPORTING a STAGBI Registered horse TEMPORARILY from GB to EU & NI after 1 Jan 2021 RETURN TRAVEL

RETURN TRAVEL of a horse Temporarily Exported	DAYS prior to RETURN travel to GB																
	42	30	21		14		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Action you need to take																	
Register for IPAFFS	42																
EHC for return journey to be completed (liaise with Customs Agent)	<i>This should be secured by the exporter (ie person that is re-importing the horse) from the EU country from which the horse is returning.</i>																
Import pre-notification to be submitted (liaise with Shipping Agent)		30															

Where to find it

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A close-up, high-angle photograph of a horse's head, showing its eye, ear, and part of its muzzle. The horse is looking down and to the right. The background is dark, making the horse's features stand out.

Well done you made to the last slide!

If you plan to export a horse you need to

- Plan well in advance
- Speak to your Vet and OV Vet
- Find an experienced shipping agent/transporter

Remember this is only a guide to help you. Its your responsibility to ensure you comply with UK & EU requirements. STAGBI takes no responsibility for omissions or errors included in this information