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From 1 January

Standard goods

Basic customs requirements for standard goods

- Importers can “defer” declarations and import tariffs for up to six months from the import date until 1 July.

Controlled goods

UK Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) controls

- Documentary checks completed remotely.
- As at 1 January, goods will not need to enter Great Britain through a Border Control Post.
- All imports of live animals and high-risk plants and plant products require pre-notification and health documentation with physical check at the point of destination or other approved premises.
- Imports of high-risk animal by-products will need pre-notification.

Pre-notification

- Importers provide advance notice of consignment’s arrival in GB through Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS) with consignment details (country of origin, place of destination).

Health certificate

- Accompanies the consignment during the journey obtained from the country of origin’s competent authority.

Identity check

- Visual inspection of consignment verifying content and labelling corresponds to information in the documentation.

Physical check

- Verifies goods are compliant with SPS, import requirements for GB; including checks on the consignments packaging, means of transport and labelling.
- Temperature sampling for analysis, laboratory testing or diagnosis may be required.

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From 1 April

Products of animal origin (POAO)

- All products of animal origin (POAO) require pre-notification and relevant health documentation.
- Includes imports of fully processed animal feed
- Physical checks continue to be conducted at the point of destination until July 2021

Regulated plants and plant products

- Require pre-notification and relevant health documentation
- All regulated plants and plant products imported from the EU to be accompanied by phytosanitary certificate (obtained by the exporter).

Marine caught fish, fishery products and some types of shell fish

- Must meet catch certificate requirements.

High-risk food and feed not of animal origin

- Import pre-notifications to be submitted in advance of arrival to GB
- Importers will need to submit pre-notifications via IPAFFS.

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From 1 July

- Full customs declarations will be required for all goods.
- Relevant tariffs must be paid
- Full safety and security declarations will be required
- SPS goods will have an increase in physical checks and samples taken
- Checks for animals, plants and their products will now take place at GB Border Control Posts, not at the destination point.
- Goods vehicle movement Service (GVMS) comes into force as do controls at Ro/Ro Ports