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# Exporting POAO goods from EU into Great Britain

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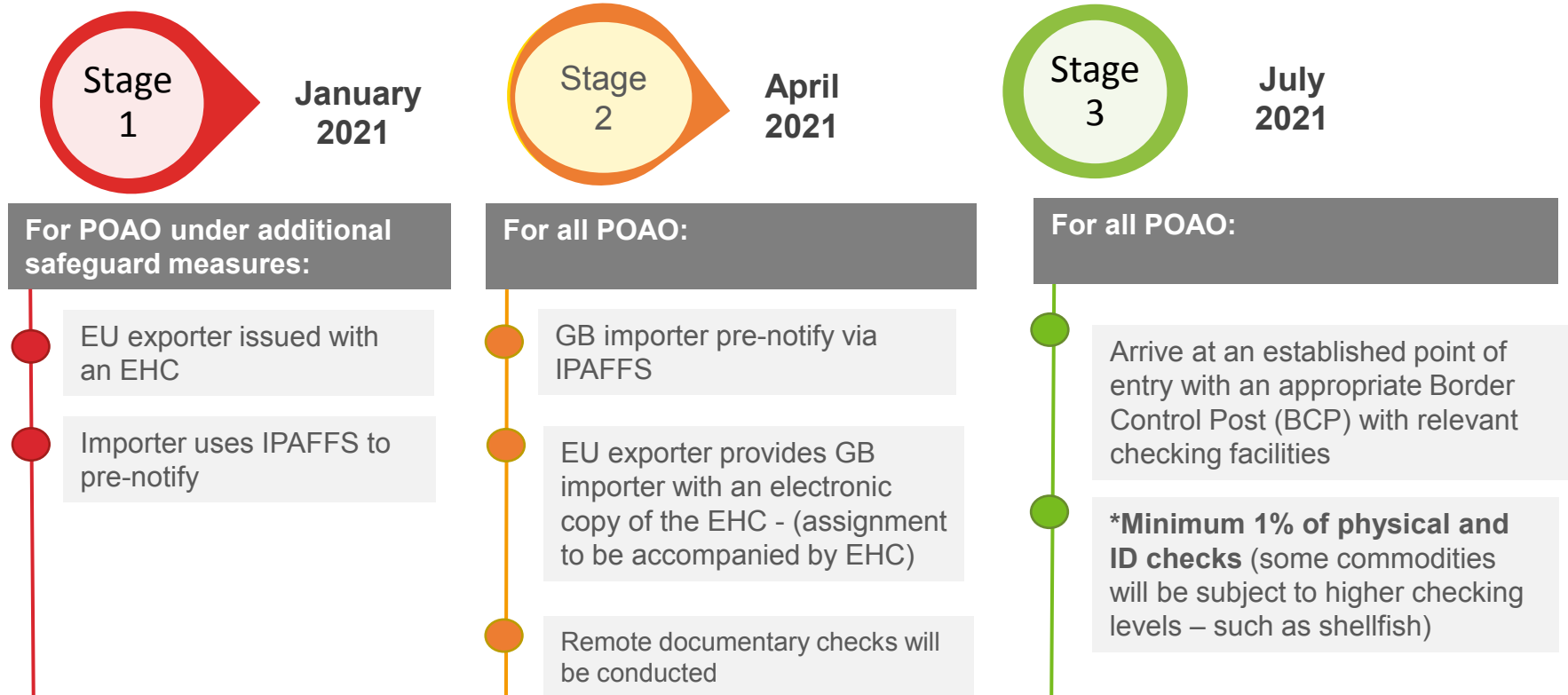
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# Timeline of SPS controls for POAO



**\*1% is a minimum requirement, and the percentage rate could be higher – please keep this in mind when preparing for business readiness**

# Stage 1: January Highlights



Food of animal  
origin



Composite  
products

## Export of POAO under safeguard measures only

- **The GB importer must:** Pre-notify in advance of arrival using **IPAFFS** and provide the EU exporter with the unique notification number (UNN).
- **You must:** Add the **UNN onto the health certificate** and provide the GB importer with an electronic copy of the health certificate
- **The GB importer must:** Upload an electronic copy of the health certificate on to **IPAFFS**.
- **You must:** Ensure the original health certificate travels with the consignment.
- **Safeguard measures:** Action can be taken at **very short notice** to prohibit or restrict imports of certain products from certain countries following an outbreak of disease or a public health issue.

**Please note:** There are no changes for other POAO until **April 2021**

# Stage 2: April Highlights



**The GB importer must:** Pre-notify all POAO using **IPAFFS**.

**You must:** Obtain the relevant **health certificate** and ensure that it travels with the consignment.

**It's important that you:** Provide the importer with an **electronic copy of the health certificate**.

**The GB importer must:** Upload an electronic copy of the health certificate on to **IPAFFS**

**Documentary Checks:** Can be carried out remotely, away from the border.

**Goods:** Can arrive at any point of entry.

**Please Note:** Requirements for POAO under safeguard measures introduced on **1 January 2021** will continue to apply.

# Stage 3: July Highlights



Food of animal  
origin



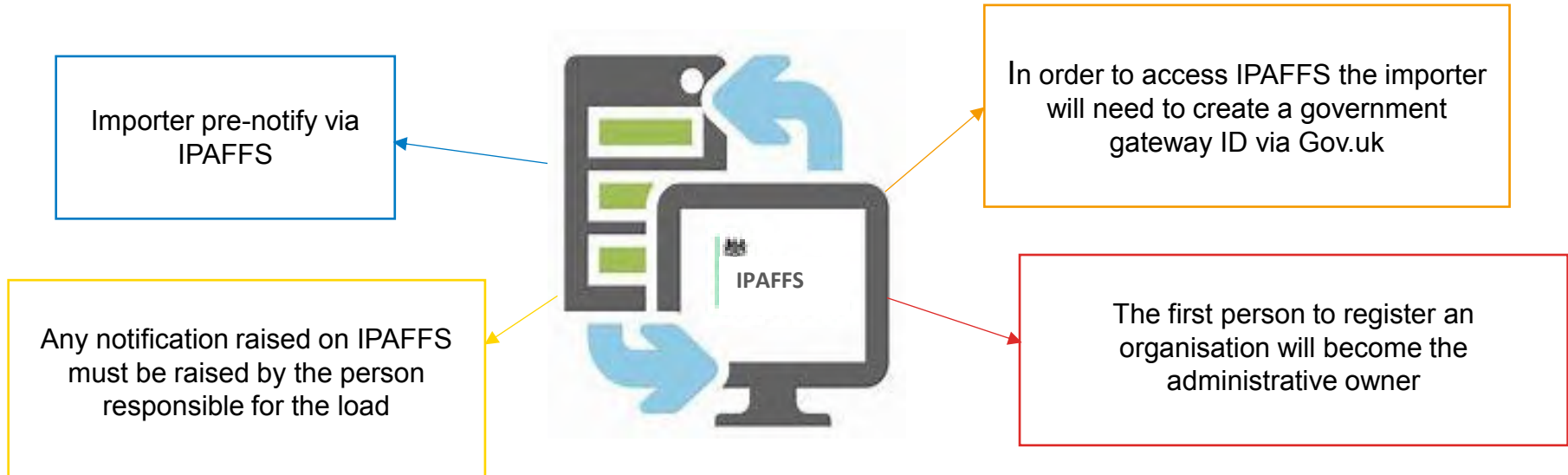
Composite  
products

- **The GB importer must:** Pre-notify all POAO using IPAFFS. |
- **You must:** Obtain the relevant **health certificate** and ensure that it travels with the consignment and provide an electronic copy of the health certificate to the importer.
- **The GB importer:** Upload an electronic copy of the health certificate on to **IPAFFS**.
- **Your goods must:** Arrive at a point of entry with an **appropriate Border Control Post (BCP)** that has the relevant checking facilities.
- **ID & Physical Checks:** Will be introduced and carried out at Border Control Posts.
- **Please note:** POAO imported from the EU will be subject to **a minimum level of 1% ID and physical checks**. Some commodities, such as shellfish, will be subject to higher minimum check levels.

# Importer Pre-notifications Process: IPAFFS

**Overview:** From 1 April 2021 all POAO arriving from the EU or EEA countries will need to be pre notified via The Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS)

**IPAFFS:** GB national system for notification of the arrival of SPS goods into Great Britain. Below is the process the importer must take:



# Health Certificates



## General Overview

**From January 2021:** POAO under safeguard measures must be accompanied by a health certificate

**From April 2021:** All POAO must be accompanied by a health certificate

## Certification Steps

1. The **health certificate** is issued by the competent authority in the EU country
2. The **EU exporter** is responsible for obtaining the health certificate
3. The **EU exporter** must provide the importer with an electronic copy of the health certificate for it to be uploaded to IPAFFS
4. The **EU exporter** must ensure a physical copy travels with the consignment

## Links to further information:

- Model health certificates are available [here](#)
- **If there is no GB health certificate for your commodity visit [Gov.uk](#) for an import licence**
- If there is no import licence, you should complete an [IV58 form](#) on gov.uk and email a completed version to [imports@apha.gov.uk](mailto:imports@apha.gov.uk)



# Checks Overview



**Documentary checks**



**Identity & physical checks**

# Composites

**Overview:** Composite products are food containing both **processed** products of animal origin (POAO) and products of plant origin.

**Composite products must follow the phased requirements of POAO and these goods must be pre-notified and accompanied by a GB health certificate from April 2021 unless otherwise exempt.**

**Some goods are exempt if they:**

- Contain **<50%** processed animal product;
- Contain **no meat product**; and
- meet the requirements in **Article 6 of Decision 2007/275**

# EU Origin Transits

## Requirements for Transits EU-GB-EU movements:

### January 2021 POAO subject to safeguard measures

- Pre-notification on **TRACES** and an **ITAHC**.
- Goods can enter and exit GB through any port with no physical or ID checks required on entry or exit.
- Confirmation that the consignment has left GB territory will be required.

### April 2021 all POAO

- Pre-notification on **IPAFFS** and a **GB health certificate**.
- Goods can enter and exit GB through any port with no physical or ID checks required on entry or exit.
- Confirmation that the consignment has left GB territory will be required.

# EU Origin Transits

## Requirements for Transits EU-GB-RoW:

### January 2021 POAO subject to safeguard measures

- Pre-notification on **IPAFFS** and a GB **health certificate**.
- Goods can enter and exit GB through any port with no physical or ID checks required on entry or exit.

### From April 2021 all POAO

- Pre-notification on **IPAFFS** and a GB **health certificate**.
- Goods can enter and exit GB through any port with no physical or ID checks required on entry or exit.

# Prohibitions & Restrictions

**Overview:** Prohibitions and restrictions (P&R) are new trade requirements that apply to certain commodities as of 1 January 2021.

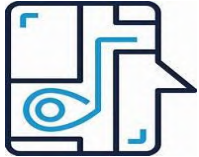
## Points to note:

- P&R on goods imported from the EU are being introduced in line with the phased approach to import checks
- Legislation has been made to temporarily remove P&R from certain POAO during Stage 1. This means, for example, chilled minced meat and meat preparations can continue to be imported
- From Stage 2, P&R on POAO will apply in full as it would to any other third country

Further information on P&Rs is available on [HERE](#)

# Border Control Post

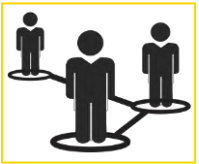
## Things you need to know:



The requirement to arrive at a point of entry with an appropriate BCP will not come into force until July. From July onwards, all live animals and animal products must arrive at an established point of entry with an appropriate Border Control Post (BCP).



Consignments will be selected for ID & Physical checks at the BCP on a risk basis.



Defra are closely engaging with ports and airports which import sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) goods in order to support them with the build of Border Control Posts (BCP) by 1 July 2021.

**Work is ongoing to finalise BCP location and designation - a list of BCPs will be made available on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).**

# Be prepared...



Actions to take 1<sup>st</sup> April

- Make sure you provide the importer with an electronic copy of the **health certificate**
- Make certain the **health certificate travels** with the consignment

**For all information and guidance please visit:** [www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-live-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-live-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin)