

## Veterinary medicinal product movement activities

This guidance draws together the regulatory and customs requirements related to moving veterinary medicinal products within the UK and between the UK and the EU, from 1 January 2021. We have provided customs information which is intended as a guide only and questions and comments should be directed to the [HMRC](#) or the [Border and Protocol Delivery Group](#), which is part of the Cabinet Office.

You may wish to consider arranging for [someone to deal with customs for you](#).

References to the EU include Member States and the European Economic Area.

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**Controlled Drugs**

The [Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#) between EU member states (not EEA members) and the UK sets out the conditions for the mutual recognition of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certificates issued by their National Competent Authorities for medicinal products, including veterinary medicines.

Movements	Regulatory requirements	Customs requirements
<p><b>GB importing rules</b></p> <p>Manufactured/finished in the EU moving to GB</p>	<p>Prior to exporting from the EU to GB, batches must have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>manufactured by the holder of a Manufacturing/Importation Authorisation<sup>1</sup> and have a current Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certificate issued by an EU National Competent Authority.</li> <li>formally released following certification by a Qualified Person (QP)<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>Batches can directly enter the supply chain on import.</p> <p><sup>1</sup> In this guidance we refer to a Manufacturing/Importation Authorisation as a ManA but it is also referred to as an MIA by other National Competent Authorities.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Until 31 December 2022, we will continue to accept EU member state locations for: QPs; sites of product batch (QC) testing, and sites of QP certification/release. Beyond the UK and EU Transition our main objective remains to seek agreements with other countries, including the EU.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you will need to understand <a href="#">how to import goods from the EU into GB</a></li> <li>you will need to understand the <a href="#">Border Operating Model</a></li> <li>you can decide to <a href="#">delay customs declarations</a> for up to 6 months (not for medicines containing controlled drugs), or complete <a href="#">full customs declarations</a> on import</li> <li>you will need a <a href="#">GB EORI number</a> (as well as an <a href="#">EU EORI number</a>)</li> <li>you will need to <a href="#">check UK tariffs which apply from 1 January 2021</a></li> <li>you should consider <a href="#">setting up a Duty Deferment Account</a> (to pay customs monthly rather than on each consignment)</li> <li>if you do manage your own customs arrangements, you will need to access <a href="#">Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight</a> (CHIEF) to make customs declarations</li> <li>you could consider arranging for <a href="#">someone to deal with customs for you</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>GB exporting rules</b></p> <p>Manufactured/finished in GB moving to the EU (not NI)</p>	<p>Prior to exporting from GB to the EU, batches must have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by a UK National Competent Authority</li> <li>formally released following certification by a QP. QPs can be located anywhere but must be permanently and continuously at the ManA holder's disposal</li> </ul> <p>It is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure compliance with the importation requirements of the importing country.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you will need to understand <a href="#">how to export goods from GB to the EU</a></li> <li>you will need to understand the <a href="#">Border Operating Model</a></li> <li><a href="#">prepare for customs export declarations</a> from January 2021</li> <li>your haulier may need an <a href="#">international road haulage permit</a></li> <li>if you do manage your own customs arrangements, you will need to access <a href="#">Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight</a> (CHIEF) to make customs declarations</li> <li>you could consider arranging for <a href="#">someone to deal with customs for you</a></li> <li>your haulier must use the <a href="#">Check an HGV is Ready to Cross the Border</a> service, before the HGV enters Kent, to prove that it has the right documents before travelling via the Port of Dover or Eurotunnel. This is known as a Kent Access Permit</li> </ul>

<p><b>EU importing Rules</b></p> <p>Manufactured/finished in GB moving to the EU</p>	<p>Prior to importing products from GB to the EU (and moving products from GB to NI from 1 January 2022), batches must have been manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by a UK National Competent Authority.</p> <p>Batches must be imported by the holder of a ManA issued by the importing country's National Competent Authority for batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release.</p> <p><i><b>NOTE:</b> A veterinary medicine placed on the market by 11pm 31 December 2020 may continue to be sold and supplied, in accordance with its MA, from 1 January 2021 without the need for repeating batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release until they reach their end user. See <a href="#">Veterinary medicinal products placed on the EU and NI markets before 1 January 2021</a> for more information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you will need to understand the <a href="#">EU import procedure</a> and can use the <a href="#">EU's trade helpdesk</a> service</li> <li>• you will need to understand the <a href="#">Border Operating Model</a></li> <li>• you may need a <a href="#">VMD export licence</a> (depending on the requirements of the Member State you are exporting to)</li> <li>• you could consider arranging for <a href="#">someone to deal with customs for you</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>EU exporting rules</b></p> <p>Manufactured/finished in the EU moving to GB</p>	<p><i><b>NOTE:</b> You should refer to EU guidance. The following is our understanding of its requirements.</i></p> <p>Prior to exporting from the EU to GB, batches must have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by an EU National Competent Authority</li> <li>• formally released following certification by a QP located in the EU</li> <li>• until 31 December 2022, we'll accept batch (QC) testing performed in an EU member state</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you will need to understand the <a href="#">EU Export procedure</a></li> <li>• you will need to understand the <a href="#">Border Operating Model</a></li> <li>• you should consider arranging for <a href="#">someone to deal with customs for you</a></li> </ul>
<p><b><a href="#">The Common Transit Convention</a></b></p> <p>Manufactured/finished in the EU moving to/through GB to NI and Manufactured/finished in NI moving to/through GB to the EU</p> <p>This also applies to products entering GB from the EU and moving back to EU countries</p>	<p>Prior to exporting from the EU or NI, batches must have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by an EU National Competent Authority, or a UK National Competent Authority in respect of NI</li> <li>• batch (QC) tested and either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ QP certification/released in the originating country to directly enter the supply chain on arrival in the EU or NI</li> <li>○ delivered to a holder of a ManA in the EU or NI for QP certification/release</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>To avoid repeating batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release on arrival in NI or the EU, you can conform to the CTC. This means that they remain Union goods and can be treated as such.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you will need to understand the <a href="#">Common Transit Procedure</a> and the <a href="#">Transit Manual</a></li> <li>• you should consider arranging for <a href="#">someone to deal with customs for you</a></li> </ul> <p>Note (excerpt of the Transit Manual, page 172-3):</p> <p><b>Re-consignment of Union goods from a common transit</b></p> <p><i>Union goods which have been brought into the territory of a common transit (GB) country under the T2 (community goods) procedure may be re-consigned under that procedure provided that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they remained under the control of the customs authorities of that country to ensure that there is no change in their identity or state;</li> <li>• they have not been placed, in that common transit country (GB), under a customs procedure other than transit or warehousing* except when the goods were temporarily admitted to be shown at an exhibition or similar public display;</li> </ul> <p><i>*In case of goods that were warehoused, the re-consignment must take place within a period of 5 years (or goods falling within Chapters 1-24 of <a href="#">the Harmonised System</a> and warehoused for less than 6 months) on condition that the goods were stored in special spaces and having received no treatment other than that needed for their preservation in their original state, or for splitting up consignments without replacing the packaging and that any treatment has taken place under customs supervision.</i></p>

<p><b>Intra-UK</b></p> <p>Manufactured/finished in GB moving to NI and Manufactured/finished in NI moving to GB</p> <p><i>Not under the <a href="#">Common Transit Convention</a></i></p> <p>(this will include moving products manufactured/finished in GB moving to NI from 1 January 2022)</p>	<p><b>Manufactured/finished in GB moving to NI</b></p> <p>Batches manufactured in GB must have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by a UK National Competent Authority</li> <li>• and until 31 December 2021, either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ batch (QC) tested and QP certification/release in GB<sup>3</sup></li> <li>○ batch (QC) tested in GB then moved to a holder of a ManA in NI for QP certification/release</li> <li>○ batch (QC) tested in GB then delivered to a WDA holder in NI and held under quarantine, if the WDA holder is named as a storage site on the company's ManA, for QP certification/release. Until 31 December 2021, the QP can take account of batch (QC) testing carried out in GB</li> <li>○ moved to a holder of a ManA in NI for batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>From 1 January 2022, batches of products moving from GB to NI must also follow the EU Importing rules.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Until 31 December 2021, batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release can be carried out in GB for products moving to NI. From January 2022, this movement will require these activities to be carried out in NI or the EU. Also, until January 2022 the QP can take account of batch (QC) testing carried out in GB.</p>	<p><b>GB to NI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you will need to understand <a href="#">how to move goods from GB to NI</a></li> <li>• you will need to understand the <a href="#">Border Operating Model</a></li> <li>• you will need to understand <a href="#">how to account for VAT</a></li> <li>• decide if you want to sign up to the free to use <a href="#">Trader Support Service</a></li> <li>• you will need a <a href="#">GB EORI number</a></li> <li>• you should consider arranging for <a href="#">someone to deal with customs for you</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>Manufactured/finished in NI moving to GB</b></p> <p>Batches manufactured in NI must have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by a UK National Competent Authority</li> <li>• and either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ batch (QC) tested and QP certification/released</li> <li>○ moved to a holder of a ManA in GB for batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release</li> <li>○ batch (QC) tested in NI then moved to a holder of a ManA in GB for QP certification/release</li> <li>○ batch (QC) tested in NI and delivered to a WDA holder in GB and held under quarantine, if the WDA holder is named as a storage site on the company's ManA, for QP certification/release.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>NI to GB</b></p> <p>There are no new customs requirements.</p>
<p><b>EU to/from NI</b></p> <p>Direct from the EU to NI or direct from NI to the EU - not through GB</p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>You should refer to EU guidance. The following is our understanding of its requirements.</i></p> <p>Prior to movement, batches must have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by an EU National Competent Authority, or a UK National Competent Authority in respect of NI</li> <li>• batch (QC) tested and QP certification/released by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by an EU National Competent Authority, or a UK National Competent Authority in respect of NI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will need to understand the <a href="#">EU import procedure</a> and the <a href="#">EU Export procedure</a>, as applicable. You can use the <a href="#">EU's trade helpdesk</a> service</li> <li>• You will need to understand the <a href="#">Border Operating Model</a></li> <li>• You should consider arranging for <a href="#">someone to deal with customs for you</a></li> </ul>

<b>Controlled Drugs</b>	<p>If you possess, manufacture, produce or supply controlled drugs in GB, you will need to hold a domestic <a href="#">Controlled Drugs Licence</a>. You must complete <a href="#">full customs declarations</a> for import.</p> <p><b>There are no new additional licence requirements to transport controlled drugs within the UK.</b></p> <p><b>GB to NI</b> – no licence to transport within the UK <b>NI to GB</b> – no licence to transport within the UK <b>NI to EU</b> – a UK export licence and EU member state import licence required <b>EU to NI</b> – a UK import licence and EU member state export licence required <b>EU to GB</b> – a UK import licence and EU member state export licence required <b>GB to EU</b> – a UK export licence and EU member state import licence required</p>
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