Veterinary medicines movement activities – Reviewed 09/02/21

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](https://www.hmrc.gov.uk) or the [Border and Protocol Delivery Group](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/usp-border-and-protocol-delivery-group), which is part of the Cabinet Office.

You may need or 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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| Manufactured/finished in the EU moving to GB | • manufactured by the holder of a Manufacturing/Importation Authorisation and have a current Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certificate issued by an EU National Competent Authority.  
  • formally released following certification by a Qualified Person (QP) located in the EU. |
|                                          | Batches can directly enter the supply chain on import.                                  | • EU Export procedure                                                                                   |
|                                          | ¹ 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. | • Border Operating Model                                                                                  |
|                                          | ² Until 31 December 2022, we will continue to accept EU member state locations for: QPs; batch (QC) testing, and sites of QP certification/release. | • Check the rules of origin                                                                               |

The [Trade and Cooperation Agreement](https://trade.gov.uk/guidance/trade-cooperation-agreement-between-eu-member-states-and-the-uk) 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. Unfortunately, the Trade and Cooperation Agreement does not include batch (Quality Control) testing and Qualified Person location recognition.
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<td>It is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure compliance with the importation requirements of the importing country.</td>
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<td>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 in that country.</td>
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<td><strong>NOTE:</strong> 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 Veterinary medicinal products placed on the EU and NI markets before 1 January 2021 for more information.</td>
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<td>From 1 January 2022, batches of products moving from GB to NI must be to the holder of a ManA for batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release. As this movement remains within the UK and is not an export, we do not require batch (QC) and QP certification/release in GB prior to that movement.</td>
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3 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.

### GB to NI

**Manufactured/finished in GB moving to NI**

- **Not under the Common Transit Convention**

- Batches manufactured in GB must have been:
  - manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by a UK National Competent Authority
  - and until 31 December 2021, either:
    - batch (QC) tested and QP certified/released in GB
    - batch (QC) tested in GB then moved to a holder of a ManA in NI for QP certification/release
    - 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
  - moved to a holder of a ManA in NI for batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release

### NI to GB

**Manufactured/finished in NI moving to GB**

- **Not under the Common Transit Convention**

- Batches manufactured in NI must have been:
  - manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by a UK National Competent Authority
  - and either:
    - batch (QC) tested and QP certified/released in NI
    - moved to a holder of a ManA in GB for batch (QC) testing and QP certification/release
    - batch (QC) tested in NI then moved to a holder of a ManA in GB for QP certification/release
    - 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.
### EU to/from NI

Direct from the EU to NI or direct from NI to the EU - not through GB

**NOTE:** You should refer to EU guidance. The following is our understanding of its requirements.

Prior to movement, batches must have been:
- 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 a site located in NI
- batch (QC) tested and QP certified/released in the EU (or country which the EU has an agreement with that covers this) or NI 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 a site located in NI

- EU's trade helpdesk

### EU to/from NI and Ireland

Using GB as a land bridge

**Common Transit Convention**

Manufactured/finished in the EU moving to/through GB to NI and Manufactured/finished in NI moving to/through GB to the EU

This also applies to products entering GB from the EU and moving back to EU countries

Prior to moving from the EU or NI, batches must have been:
- 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
- batch (QC) tested in the EU (or country which the EU has an agreement with that covers this) or NI and either:
  - QP certification/released in the originating EU or NI country to directly enter the supply chain on arrival in the EU or NI
  - delivered to a holder of a ManA in the EU or NI for QP certification/release

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.

- the [Common Transit Procedure](#) and the [Transit Manual](#)

We recommend that you consult with the Trader Support Service and logistics experts to determine the CTC requirement and whether this is a viable option for you.

### Controlled Drugs

If you possess, manufacture, produce or supply controlled drugs in GB, you will need to hold a domestic [Controlled Drugs Licence](#).

Importers must complete [full customs declarations](#).

There are no new additional licence requirements to transport controlled drugs within the UK.

- GB to NI – no licence to transport within the UK
- NI to GB – no licence to transport within the UK
- NI to EU – a UK export licence and EU member state import licence required
- EU to NI – a UK import licence and EU member state export licence required
- EU to GB – a UK import licence and EU member state export licence required
- GB to EU – a UK export licence and EU member state import licence required