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 or the 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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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. Unfortunately, the Trade and Cooperation Agreement does not include batch (Quality Control) testing and Qualified Person location recognition.

Movements	Regulatory requirements	Customs requirements: links to resources
EU to GB Manufactured/finished in the EU moving to GB	Prior to exporting from the EU to GB, batches must have been: • manufactured by the holder of a Manufacturing/Importation Authorisation[1] 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[2]. Batches can directly enter the supply chain on import. [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. [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.	• How to import goods from the EU into GB • EU Export procedure • Border Operating Model • Check the rules of origin • Importers can decide to delay customs declarations for up to 6 months (not for medicines containing controlled drugs), or complete full customs declarations • A GB EORI number is needed to import into GB • An EU EORI number is needed for exporting from the EU • Exporter to include a statement of origin in the invoice which can be used to check UK tariffs which apply from 1 January 2021 • Importers can consider setting up a Duty Deferment Account (to pay customs monthly rather than on each consignment) • Importers will need to access Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) to make customs declarations • Good Vehicle Movement Service • You may need someone to deal with customs for you

GB to the EU (not including NI) Manufactured/finished in GB moving to the EU (not NI)	Prior to exporting from GB to the EU, batches must have been: • manufactured by the holder of a ManA and a current GMP certificate issued by a UK National Competent Authority • formally released in GB following certification by a QP. QPs can be located anywhere but must be permanently and continuously at the ManA holder's disposal It is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure compliance with the importation requirements of the importing country. 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. ***NOTE:*** *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.*	• How to export goods from GB to the EU • EU import procedure • EU's trade helpdesk • Border Operating Model • Check the rules of origin • Prepare for customs export declarations from January 2021 • A GB EORI number is needed to export from GB • An EU EORI number is needed for importing to the EU • Exporters will need to access Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) to make customs declarations • You may need someone to deal with customs for you • Exporters may need a VMD export licence (depending on the requirements of the Member State you are exporting to) • Good Vehicle Movement Service • Hauliers may need an international road haulage permit • Haulier must use the Check an HGV is Ready to Cross the Border 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.

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[3]
	  ○ 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
	
	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.
	
	[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.
		• How to move goods from GB to NI
		• Border Operating Model
		• Check the rules of origin
		• How to account for VAT
		• Decide if you want to sign up to the free to use Trader Support Service
		• The NI trader needs an XI EORI number. To get an XI EORI number the NI trader will first need a GB EORI number
		• UK Trader Scheme
		• Good Vehicle Movement Service
		• You should consider arranging for someone to deal with customs for you
		
		GB trader needs to supply any certification that allows the goods to enter NI territory and pass EU customs import controls, possibly a commercial invoice with a rules of origin statement.

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.
		• An XI EORI number is needed
		• A GB EORI number is needed
		• Check the rules of origin
		
		If the goods meet unfettered market access rules and qualifying NI goods status, there is no need for a GB EORI by the GB trader nor rules of origin as it is not classed as a UK import. The NI trader may use Trader Support Service for export declarations, if required.

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	