



Traders Moving Prohibited and Restricted (P&R) Goods from Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI)

New Documentation Requirements Starting Soon

Following our communication dated 20 January 2021, we are writing to inform you that we have agreed an extension with the European Union (EU) on when increased compliance documentation will be required for certain P&R goods. Traders will now need to use P&R Export Health Certificates (*EU Certificates*) later than originally communicated.

This agreed arrangement has been made following the feedback Defra has received from traders and suppliers. Thank you to those who provided feedback.

Following on from your feedback, it has been agreed that P&R Export Health Certificates (EHCs) will be required from and including **22 February 2021**.

The following guidance sets out a reminder on the qualifying criteria and updated requirements you will now need to follow for P&R fresh meat, minced meat and meat preparations. This guidance should be followed until the end of the grace period on 30 June 2021.

Qualifying Criteria

To move P&R fresh meat, minced meat and meat preparations from GB to NI during the grace period, the meat must meet the following qualifying criteria:

- It must enter NI through a designated place as defined in point (38) of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and Council and is subject to a channelling procedure applicable from the designated place to the destination supermarket in NI
- It is sold exclusively to end consumers in supermarkets located in NI, and it is not to be sold to other operators of the food chain
- It is accompanied by official certificates issued by the UK competent authorities
- It is packed for end consumers, and they bear a label reading "These products from the United Kingdom may not be sold outside Northern Ireland"
- It must meet EU standards. For example, it must be from the UK or an EU approved Third Country



Stage One: Requirements to 21 February 2021

P&R Attestations (*Compliance Declaration*)

Revised versions of the [P&R Attestation](#) have been created. Traders should start using the new versions immediately. Previous P&R Attestation forms will not be accepted from 5 February 2021.

The time period for stage one requirements will end on 21 February 2021. P&R Attestations will no longer be valid after this date.

From and including 22 February 2021, traders should start following the process detailed in stage two below.

Stage Two: Required from and including 22 February 2021 to 30 June 2021

P&R EHCs (*EU Certification*)

- Consignments that enter NI, from and including 22 February 2021, must be accompanied with a P&R EHC
- As per standard EU EHCs, the certificates will be issued per product type, rather than per lorry
- They must be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV)
- All goods will require the completion of a Common Health Entry Document (CHED) on the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES), to pre-notify the NI point of entry

P&R EHCs are available on [EHC Online](#) and a full list of the EHCs are available in the guidance document attached. The Notes for Guidance will be available shortly.

You can start applying for a P&R EHC now, but do not use them for consignments of fresh meat, minced meat and meat preparations arriving in NI before 22 February 2021.

You will be eligible for financial support toward the cost of P&R EHC certification. Your OV is able to invoice the government for costs up to £150.00 (+ VAT) per EHC, as part of the [Movement Assistance Scheme](#).

Helping You Prepare

To start preparing for P&R EHCs, traders should take the following steps:

- Register for [EHC Online](#)
- Talk to an OV about your requirements and how you can ensure your products will meet the conditions of the P&R EHCs. Find an OV to certify EHCs [here](#).



For a full list of steps that traders need to follow, see the attached guidance. The guidance also provides information on:

- [EHC Online—How to register and links to EHCs](#)
- [Movement Assistance Scheme—Overview and reimbursement process](#)
- [P&R EHC FAQs](#)
- [Links to P&R process map](#)

Please note: The grace period for sending certain P&R goods from GB to NI ends on 30 June 2021.

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