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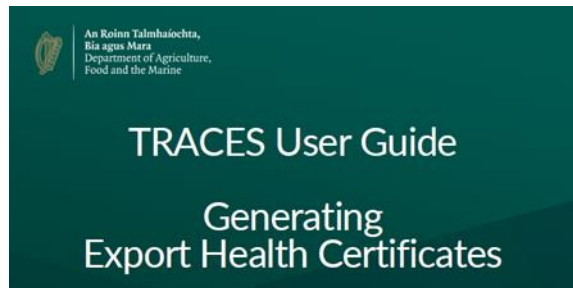
Latest news and information update for members

Department of Agriculture – Webinar - New UK Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Control Requirements for Irish/EU Agri-food Goods exported to Great Britain (GB)

- **Wednesday 21st June 2023,**
- **from 14.30-15.30**
- titled “New UK Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Control Requirements for Irish/EU Agri-food Goods exported to Great Britain (GB)”.

The objective of this webinar is to outline changes to the UK import regime which will apply for exports of Irish/EU agri-food goods to Great Britain (GB) from 31 October 2023 and highlight the key steps food businesses exporting these goods to GB should take to prepare for these significant changes which will impact Ireland to GB agri-food supply chains.

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UK import requirements for agri-food exports from Ireland **will begin to apply from 31 October 2023**. These requirements will include having an export health certificate generated on TRACES to accompany those exports to Great Britain for meats, dairy, table eggs and animal by-products.

To assist industry in preparing for this change the Departments Traces Unit will be providing WebEx TRACES Training sessions.

- **Training sessions will be delivered on 15th, 22nd & 29th June.**

Session 1 10am - 11am

- EU login and role request
- How to register an operator
- How to use advanced search
- How to modify your profile

Session 2 2pm - 3pm

- How to generate an Export Health Certificate

Click on this link to join the training sessions:

<https://dafm.webex.com/dafm/j.php?MTID=m84a7440e6fa95de61f85ea72fd8021f1>



Reminder:

- Mandatory pre notification of EU sourced SPS goods is set for 31st October 2023. Notification of Import is required on a system known as IPAFFS which is separate from CDS.
- Screening of notifications will be undertaken from 31st October 2023 for all GB by a central Defra Hub until 31st January 2024 and then there is divergence between those ports facing ROI where Isle of Anglesey County Council responsible for Holyhead Port will be taking over the work of the DEFRA hub A similar situation will apply to all other UK ports directly receiving ROI product.
- There is a single exception, which is for wild caught fish and general fish products who will continue to notify imports under the current rules known as Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing Retained Regulation (EC 1005/2008).

On 31.1.24 Eastern GB ports it is proposed will commence Official Controls on imported EU product. The charging regime is to be defined within GB. Currently the common user charge is being consulted on for Government run Border Control Posts

Common User Charge (CUC) Consultation (Consultation) (see Appentix)

On Monday 12th June, the UK Government began a four-week period of consultation on the proposed methodology and rates of the Common User Charge (CUC) for Government-run Border Control Posts (BCPs). In the [draft Border Target Operating Model](#), The UK Government outlined its plan to charge for eligible sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) consignments. The charge would recover the operating costs for Government-run Border Control Posts (BCPs).

This consultation will run from **12/06/2023 to 09/07/2023**. Responses should be received by no later than **23:59 on 09/07/2023**. Defra ask for stakeholders' responses to be provided via the [Citizen Space consultation site](#) or via the [GOV.UK page](#).

PUBLICATION OF GUIDANCE NOTES ON WINDSOR FRAMEWORK

On the 9th of June the UK Government (UKG) has published a number of guidance notes and SIs (below) relating to elements of the Windsor Framework (WF) including around green lanes, trader support service, goods not at risk, and labelling (detailed below). The UK has also launched a [webpage](#) where all future notices will be issued.

- [The Windsor Framework – goods movements \(general\)](#) from No. 10. Includes documents on the Green Lane, Duty Reimbursement Scheme, Customs Duty Waiver Scheme and Parcels;
- Updated DBT [guidance](#) on the scope and application of Article 10 of the Windsor Framework (State Aid);
- [HMRC Guidance](#) on applying for authorisation for the UK Internal Market Scheme if you bring goods into Northern Ireland;
- [HMRC Guidance](#) on declaring goods you bring into Northern Ireland “not at risk” of moving to the EU;
- [HMRC Guidance](#) on declaring goods using the UK Trader Scheme if you bring goods into NI;
- [HMRC Guidance](#) on applying the correct duty to goods you bring into NI from countries outside of the EU and UK;
- [Defra Guidance](#) on the “Retail Movement Scheme” for moving pre-packed retail goods (e.g. food, drink, cut flowers and pet food) from GB to NI;
- [Defra Guidance](#) on labelling requirements under the Retail Movement Scheme (to be introduced in phases – goods moving to NI only from October 2023, all meat and dairy products in GB and NI from October 2024, all composite products from July 2025);
- [HMRC updates](#) to guidance on the Trader Support Service;
- [Centrally Authorised Products \(CAPs\) Bridging Mechanism](#) for medicines until Windsor Framework takes effect on 1 January 2025;

BENEFITS OF TRAINING TO SUPPORT REDUCED FUEL COSTS AND EVIDENCE OF CO2 SAVINGS

As well as delivering fuel efficient drivers (result in lower running costs), improved profit margins and reduced emissions Green standard / Eco Driving also supports safer drivers (less injuries and fatalities on our roads), less accidental damage to vehicles, less unproductive downtime for vehicle repair, and the potential for reduced insurance premiums. Road crashes have an enormous emotional impact on human lives, as well as a very significant socio-economic impact.



Green Standard Training (GST)

Climate action training for fleet operators



Location: FTAI Training Center
Dates: 29th & 30th August 9.30am - 4.30pm

TO Book Training email info@ftai.ie or phone 018447516

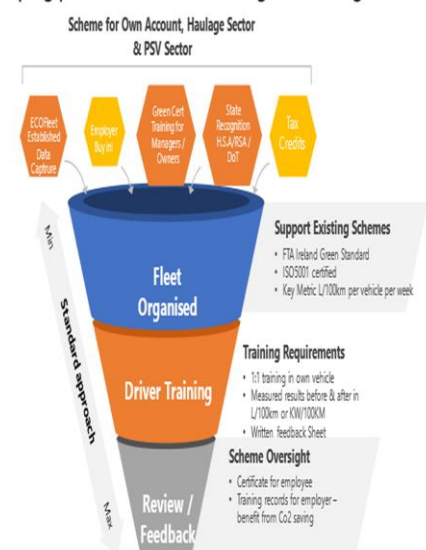
<https://www.ftai.ie/ecodrive-training>

Road Freight Forum – Headlines from meeting on 1st of June 2023

- Update on EU Legislative acts relevant to Road Freight (Including presentation & discussion of the Commission proposal on the EU Driving license directive)
 - Propose that there will be a 2 year probation period for novice drivers 17year olds will be able to train and be licenced for HGV C category licence
 - There will be no changes to the age requirements for D DE category licence
 - EU licence exchange will come into place making it easier to swap EU licences in member states
- Action 7 - Department of Transport Presentation on Renewable Transport Fuels Policy Development
 - Regulations from 1 April 2023 - authorisation for NORA to grant additional certificates for supply of specified RTFs, in specified sectors - road, aviation & maritime, with the aim of targeted incentivising of supply.
 - HVO downgraded to 1.25 credits (from 1.5)
 - Research underway on the taxation of biofuels
 - Green rebate being examined - consideration for state aid rules (energy tax directive - general block exemption)
- Action 5 - Discussion & approval of the Terms of Engagement for procurement to establish a national certification/accreditation system for eco-driving courses
 - AF welcomed the proposal and highlighted that the logistics of driving has made the engagement of this type of training difficult. Under Health and Safety legislation driver assessments and training should be more frequent. Recommend classroom training for managers and owners - so they can understand the need and benefits of eco training.
 - FTAI Ireland to make a submission

Submission presented to Department of Transport 16th June 2023

Qualifying process for fleets doing ecodriving



APPRENTICESHIPS

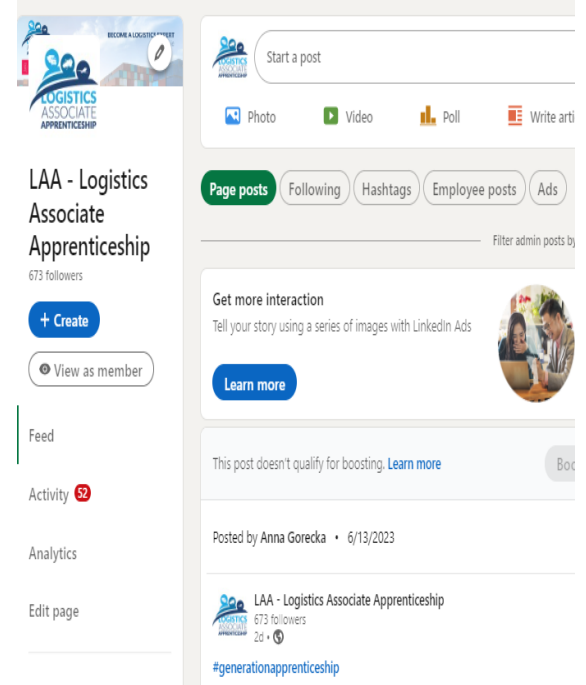
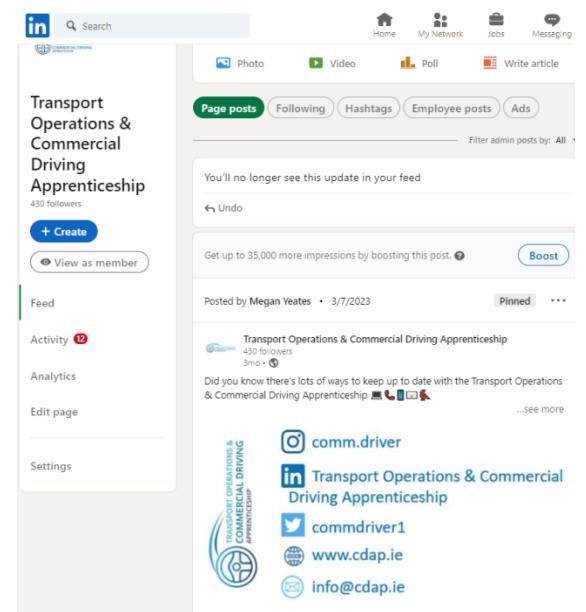


If you are interested in learning more about these apprenticeships please visit www.cdap.ie www.laa.ie Employer looking to train apprentices should contact info@cdap.ie or agorecka@laa.ie as we are now recruiting for a September 2023 intake.



FTA Ireland Training Prospectus can Be Downloaded here:

https://fta365-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/person/aflynn_ftai_ie/EZQK146yKqhlwJIQcslcnmcBvph5n42x2LoBaBx36wMvDA?e=cGfhIC



Appendix – Correspondence from Minister for Agriculture – 16th June 2023

Oifig an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara
Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine



Re: New UK import controls from 31 October 2023

16 June 2023

Dear Food Business/Exporter/Trader,

I am writing to you, as a registered client of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), to highlight some upcoming changes to the trading environment for Irish agri-food exports to Great Britain (GB).

On 5 April 2023, the UK Government, in its draft Border Target Operating Model (link :[The Border Target Operating Model: Draft for Feedback - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-border-target-operating-model-draft-for-feedback)) announced that additional control requirements will be applied by the UK authorities to imports of agri-food goods from the EU, including Ireland, to Great Britain from 31 October 2023.

This means that, from 31 October 2023, pre-notification of Irish agri-food exports to GB will have to be made via the UK's Import Control System for Food and Feed (IPAFFS), and export health certification will be required for a wider range of agri-food goods moving from Ireland to GB than heretofore.

As part of this announcement, the UK Government has indicated that it will be applying a new risk categorisation approach (low, medium and high risk) to imported goods, with different import control requirements applying to each risk category, as summarised in the following table:

Risk Category	Types of Goods	UK Requirement from 31 October 2023
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Animals • Germinal Products • High Risk Plants and Plant Products • Products subject to specific disease control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-notification via UK Import Control System for Food and Feed (IPAFFS)* • Export Health Certification * (*these requirements have been applied since 1 January 2021 and continue to apply).
Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Meats • All Meat Products • Non heat-treated Dairy Products • Infant Formula • Animal By-Products • Apiculture products apart from Honey • Table Eggs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-notification via UK Import Control System for Food and Feed (IPAFFS) • Export Health Certification
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Shelf-stable food products at ambient temperature</u> • <u>All Composite Products</u> • Non-raw (Heat Treated) dairy products, including pasteurised products - yogurts, all cheeses not using raw milk • Wild caught Fish • Honey • Canned Pet food • Processed Pet food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-notification via UK Control System for Food and Feed (IPAFFS)

I understand that the business environment at present is very challenging due to current global instability and high input costs. Nevertheless, I urge you to make sure that your business is ready for these upcoming changes to the trading environment with the UK. You should check that everyone in your supply chain, including your UK importer, is clear on their roles and responsibilities for meeting the new UK requirements.

If your business is exporting agri-food goods to GB, you must confirm:

1. which requirements apply to the products that your business exports to GB;
2. how these requirements can be fulfilled, and specifically, who will take responsibility in your business and your GB market supply chain for each of these new requirements.

My Department is ready to support you in preparing for these changes. In this regard, if you have not already done so, please engage with your local Department Veterinary Supervision team to:

- confirm what export health certification, if any, you require for each of the products you export to GB;
- collaborate on the development of an appropriate business process, including the provision of supporting information and data to my Department, which will ensure that the certification requirement is delivered in the most efficient manner.

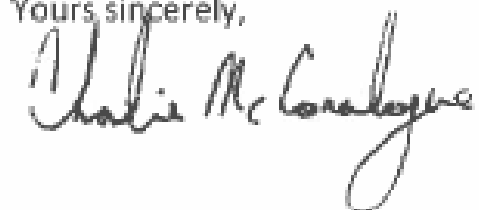
My Department will also be running a series of information webinars, commencing next Wednesday, 21 June at 2.30 pm (notification of this webinar has already issued to all food business operators), as well as training courses on the certification process (including how to apply for certificates on the EU TRACES IT system) over the coming weeks and months in the run up to 31 October 2023. I would urge you to engage with these activities as part of your preparations for these new UK import requirements.

While we know that the UK Government has postponed on a number of occasions the introduction of these import requirements, I must emphasise and urge you to take the current deadline of **31 October 2023** for these changes seriously. If you are not prepared it could have significant consequences for your business with the GB market.

Further information on these new requirements is available on the [how-to-export-to-the-uk on GOV.IE](#) website.

If you have any queries on these new UK requirements please contact my Department on the dedicated Department information helpline, [01 607 2830](tel:016072830) or send an email to BrexitCall@agriculture.gov.ie

Yours sincerely,



Charlie McConalogue T.D.
Minister for Agriculture, Food, and the Marine