



# Detailed Guidance For Authorised Traders During Three Month Grace Period

From 1 January until 31 March 2021, [authorised traders](#) will be able to take advantage of a 3 month grace period when moving certain goods and products from Great Britain into Northern Ireland. Details on the goods and products covered by the grace period are outlined in the [Northern Ireland Protocol Command Paper](#).

## **Prior to export, eligible businesses must:**

- Ensure they are registered on **TRACES NT** (the EU's Trade Control and Expert System).
- Apply a commercial seal to the freight unit.
- Complete a simplified official certificate covering these goods and products (at freight unit level).
  
- At least 24 hours before entering Northern Ireland, create a Common Health Entry Document for Products of Animal Origin (CHED P) on **TRACES NT**. This will pre-notify DAERA of the arrival of the consignment.
  
- When completing the CHED P, upload the simplified certificate and input the details below:
  - CN Code - 5103 10 10
  - Local Reference - Retail
  - Name of Business - this must be the name provided in your Authorised Trader application and listed in your letter of confirmation.
  - Net weight
  - Seal number

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- Where the load contains prohibited & restricted (P&R) chilled meat products, ensure that the required attestations and certificates are completed and added to the Ched P notification on TRACES NT.

### **Identity Checks:**

- DAERA authorised staff will check your commercial seal prior to departure from the GB port. Where the freight unit fails to have a correctly placed seal, or the seal identity does not correspond to that recorded on the documentation, the consignment will be considered non-compliant and may be subject to further checks – this will cause delay.

### **Documentary Checks:**

- The documents you have uploaded to TRACES NT will be available electronically to DAERA, who will check them prior to your arrival in Northern Ireland.
- Businesses that do not complete the documentation properly will be issued with an interim warning letter and may be subject to further checks – this will cause delay.
- After 15th January, businesses that do not complete the documentation properly will not be eligible for entry into Northern Ireland and will be returned to the exporter.

### **Channelling:**

- Businesses must e-mail DAERA ([SPSChannelling@Daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SPSChannelling@Daera-ni.gov.uk)) when the goods have reached their final destination. Businesses that do not notify DAERA will be issued with a warning letter.
- After 15th January, businesses that do not notify DAERA will be investigated and non-compliant traders will be subject to increased checks on arrival, leading to delays.

**Please note this guidance is subject to change.**

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