

Narrative Version Import and Export of Fruit and Vegetables between GB and EU subject to Marketing Standards

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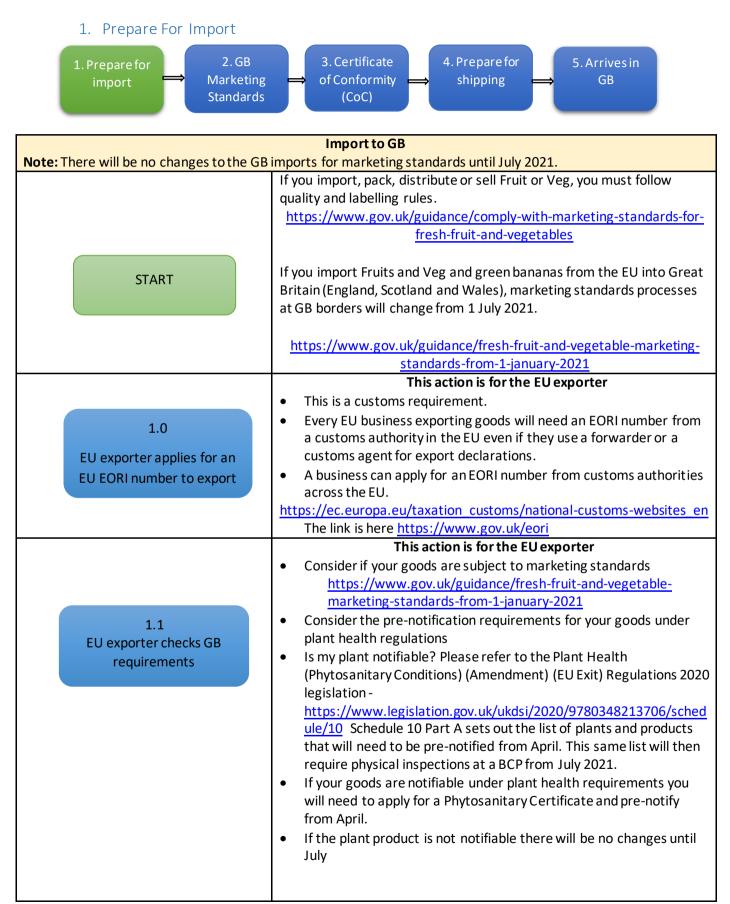
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1. Points to Note

Get ready for import/export – points to	
note	Web Links
For exports if you are a UK Haulier you need	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-to-drive-in-the-
to be able to drive in the EU	eu-after-brexit-lorry-and-goods-vehicle-drivers
Plant health requirements for both import and	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-
export also apply to most Fruit and Vegetables	plants-and-plant-products-from-1-january-2021
Exports to the EU must comply with EU	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/comply-with-marketing-
packaging and labelling requirements	standards-for-fresh-fruit-and-vegetables
(marketing standards) – this applies to fresh	
Fruit and Veg only.	
If you use wooden pallets or wood packaging	After the end of the Transition Period, all wood packaging
material to export your goods, these need to	material moving between GB and the EU must be treated
be ISPM 15 compliant.	and appropriately marked in compliance with
	international standards (<u>ISPM 15</u>).
	Contact your supplier or <u>TIMCON</u> if you need more
	advice. There are many sources of wood packaging
	material – one such list is available here
	https://www.timcon.org/ISPM15/Companies/

2. Importing Fruits and Veg from EU to GB



1.2	This action is for the EU Exporter
EU exporter to register as	Anyone who exports to GB will need to be registered with the EU CA.
a professional operator on	They need to contact their EU CA. Contact points are available for
EU CA system	Member States (MSs) on the <u>https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/list-countries/</u>
1.3 Is the importer registered on IPAFFS system?	 This step is for the importer The importer and importer's agent, needs to register on IPAFFS for marketing standards purposes prior to importing to ensure no delays to the consignment. Some Fruits and Veg are also regulated plant products and these will require pre-notification on IPAFFS from April. From July, even if your Fruit and Veg generally does not require pre-notification from a plant health perspective there is a possibility that CHIEF/CDS will select them for checking and then require pre-notification. This additional requirement for pre-notification applies to a small sample of non-notifiable plants for plant health plus a small sample of General Marketing Standards (GMS) and a small sample of Specific Marketing Standards (SMS) Fruit and Veg (whether already notified or not) for HMI so it is prudent to have registered on the new IPAFFS IT service as soon as practicable in order to reduce delays. If your Fruits and Veg lands/arrives in England or Wales you will need to use the new IPAFFS IT service. Please note, if it lands in Scotland the Scottish Gov do not use IPAFFS IT service, so exporters would need to follow the relevant registration processes for Scottish Government until they have access. Pre-notification will be required for all HMI SMS good from Jan 2023. Notification for GMS goods will only be required if requested to do so following the import declaration.

2. GB Marketing Standards



Import to GB

1 Jan – 30 Jun 2021

- Current third country processes remain the same for those countries, including those which have retained AIS status as per annex IV of EC reg 543/2011.
- For produce of EU origin, we will not be inspecting Specific Marketing Standards (SMS) or General Marketing Standards (GMS) Fruit and Veg during this time.
- An EU issued certificate of conformity will not be required for release into free circulation into GB.

1 July 2021 – 1 Jan 2023

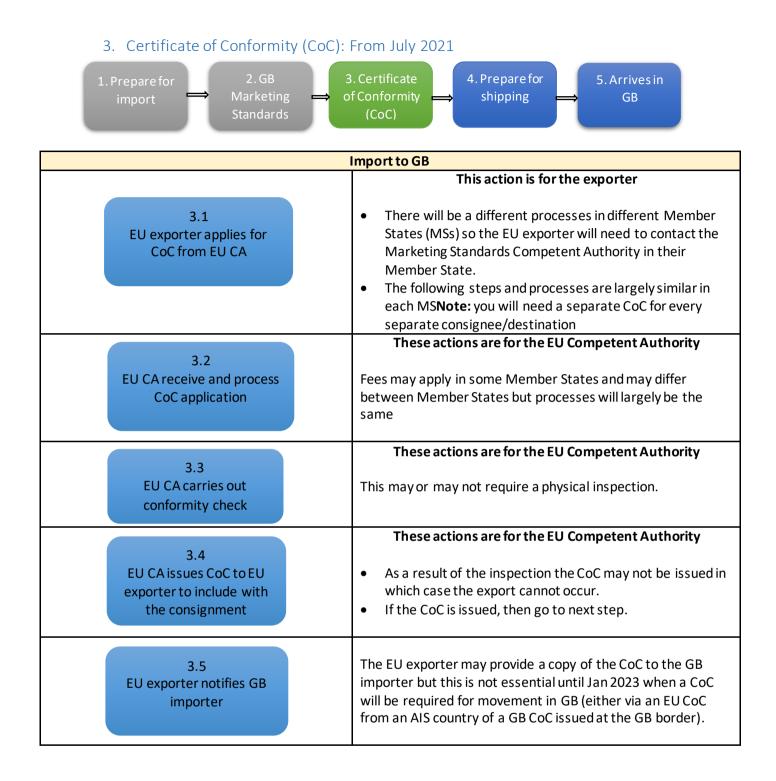
- Using the notification that the importer makes on CHIEFS/CDS for customs, a small sample of imports from the EU (SMS, GMS and green bananas) will be selected for checks to ensure they are complying with GB marketing standards.
- CHIEF / CDS will randomly select this small sample for GB certificate of conformity with an error report on the Customs entry – this means you need to have a marketing standards check. Traders will then apply through the new IPAFFS IT service, if they have not already done so and these will be physically inspected at the border and GB CoC will be issued, before release into free circulation can occur as edible Fruit and Veg.
- An EU issued certificate of conformity will not be required for release into free circulation into GB.

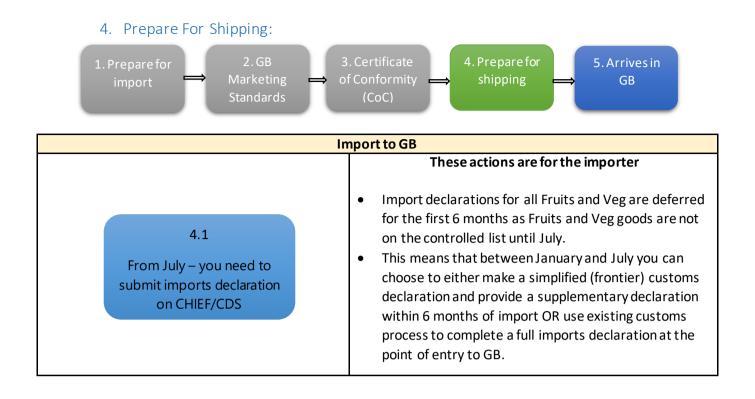
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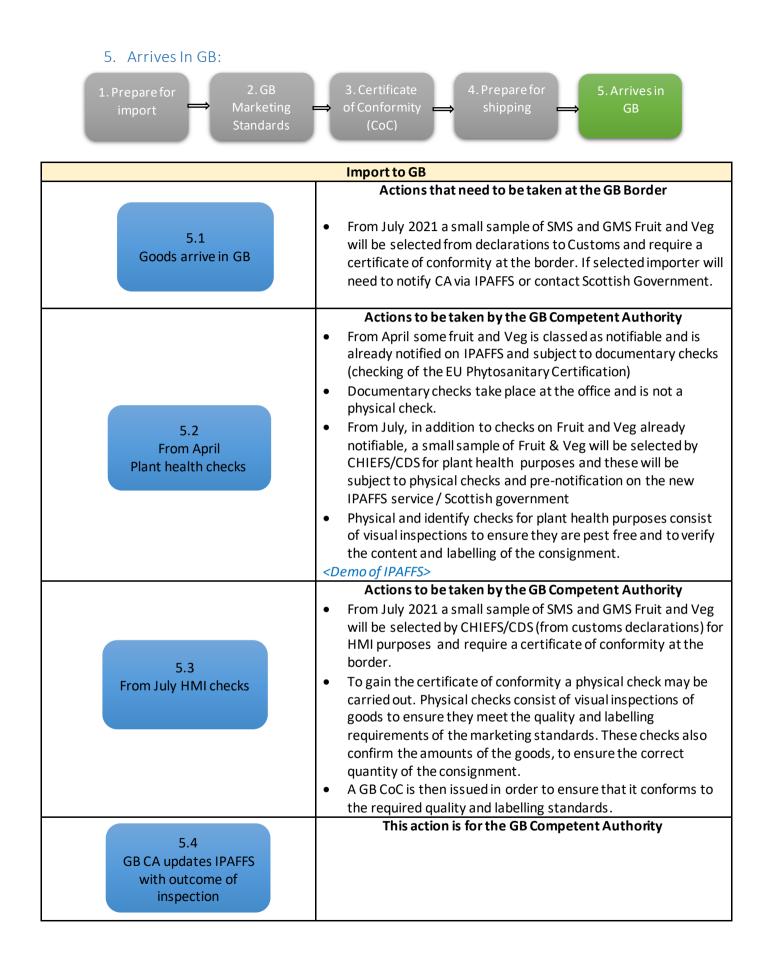
• EU countries can apply for UK Approved Inspection Service (AIS) as under Art 15 of EU reg 543/2011, to become listed as an AIS.

From Jan 23 onwards

- All SMS plant products and green bananas imported from the EU will need to be pre-notified for HMI purposes on the new IPAFFS IT service
- All SMS will need to be accompanied by a certificate of conformity from an EU country that has AIS status or apply for one at the GB border.
- If the country does not have AIS status then the SMS plant product will be subject to a risk assessment within the new IPAFFS IT service. This assessment will either result in the issue of a GB certificate of conformity or flag to the HMI/Scottish government that a conformity check is needed at the border this is akin to existing 3rd country process.
- For GMS products, a small sample of imports from the EU will be selected for checks to ensure they are complying with GB marketing standards.
- SMS commodities apples, pears, grapes, kiwis, citrus, peaches, nectarines, strawberries, lettuce, tomatoes, sweet peppers
- GMS commodities covers most other Fruits and Veg.

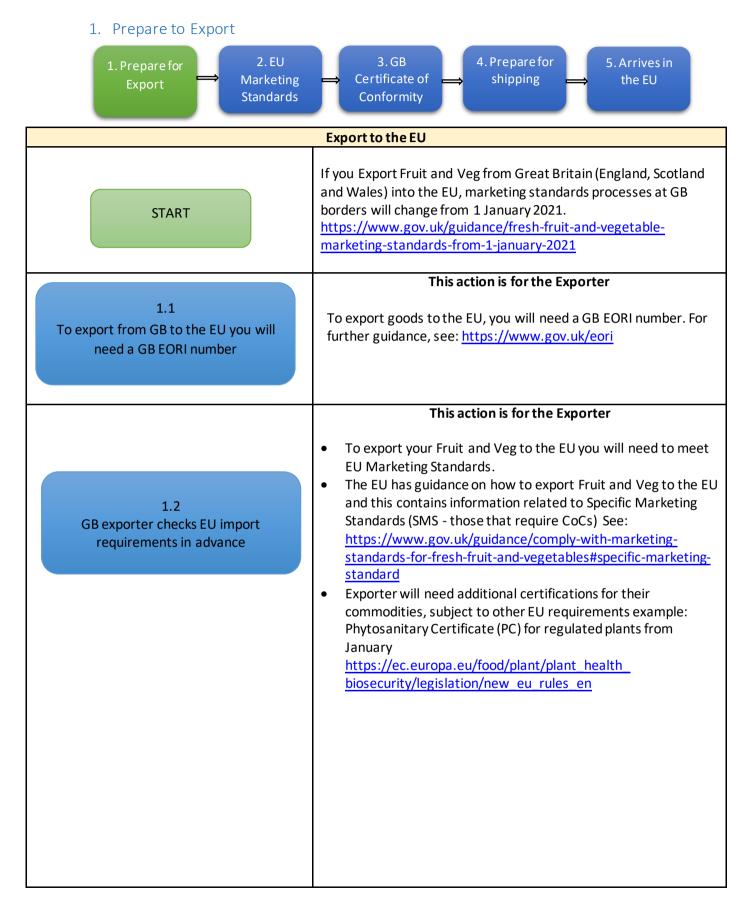






5.5 GB system receives update and a decision is required if goods can be released	This actions is to be done by GB Border If yes go to step 5.6. If no go to step 5.7.
5.6 Goods are released to importer.	 This action is to be done by the GB Border From January – July there is no holding for customs reasons From July an automated customs release of goods will be arranged – in Scotland this will be via a paper Certificate of Conformity being issued until they are linked to IPAFFS IT service
5.7 Goods may be held for other reasons, such as plant health/fraud/smuggling/not paying a tariff	 This actions is to be done by GB Border This can include PHSI, Scottish Government and other government agencies such as UKBF This is relevant for goods that have had physical checks. If this is the case, the process ends here
5.8 Goods arrive with customer	This action is for the importer/exporter
END	This is the end of the process.

3. Exporting Fruits and Veg from GB to EU



	This action is for the Exporter
1.3 Exporter to register on relevant GB Competent Authority (CA) IT system	 The exporter, and exporter's agent (where applicable), needs to register on the relevant export notification system for Fruits and Veg purposes before exporting to ensure there are no delays to the consignment. You should continue to use PEACH until you are directed to register and use Export Health Certificate Online (EHCO). The timing and sequencing of this migration will ensure a smooth and orderly transfer between systems and will allow sufficient time for you to become familiar with the new service. We will be providing comprehensive training and support during and after migration.
	• For England and Wales. you will need to register on PEACH for export of Fruit and Veg, Please go to: <u>http://ehmipeach.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Module=Register</u>
	 Until Scotland has access to EHC online – for exports from Scotland please visit: <u>https://www.sasa.gov.uk/eu-exit-guidance/fresh-fruit-and-vegetable-marketing-standards-eu-exit-guidance</u> or email: <u>hort.marketing@gov.scot</u>

2. EU Marketing Standards



Export to the EU

Fruit and vegetable Marketing Standards:

Export process post 1 January 2021.

From 1 January 2021 all exports of fruits and vegetables covered by Specific Marketing Standards (SMS) (to EU and existing Third Countries) will require a certificate of conformity prior to clear export customs process.

To apply for a GB-issued certificate of conformity:

- Use the <u>PEACH system</u> (England and Wales)
- Contact SASA Horticulture and Marketing Unit at hort.marketing@gov.scot (Scotland)

You must comply with the third country import requirements as defined in the EU marketing standards regulations if you export Fruits and Veg from GB to the EU from 1 January 2021.

Approved Trader Scheme:

If a trader consistently meets the requirements of the latest marketing standards, they can apply to the Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate for approved trader status. This applies to traders who sell Fruit and Veg that they either grow, pack, import and / or export.

ATS status means that traders are considered as lowest risk, and will attract fewer inspection visits and fewer checks on any regulated produce marketed by that business and stored at their premises, whether for importing, export or within Great Britain. In addition they will, in most cases, automatically be issued with a certificate of conformity without inspection.

For more information about ATS, contact:

- HMI by emailing <u>APHAHMIATSapproval@apha.gov.uk</u> (England and Wales)
- SASA's Horticulture and Marketing Unit by emailing hort.marketing@gov.scot (Scotland)

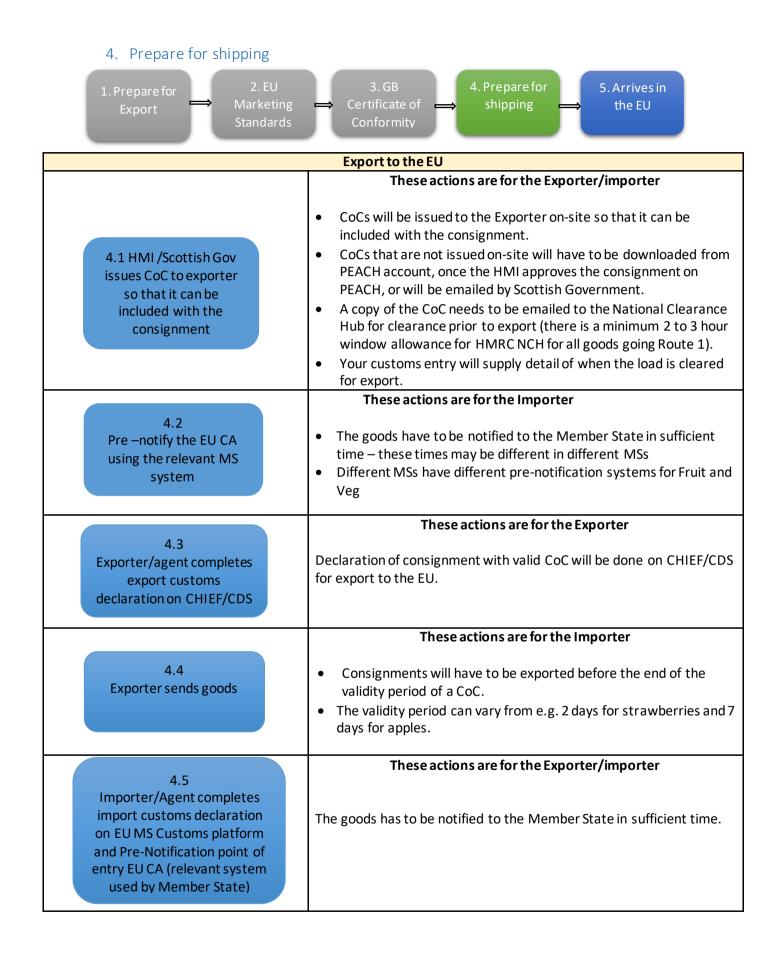
Approved Inspection Service (AIS):

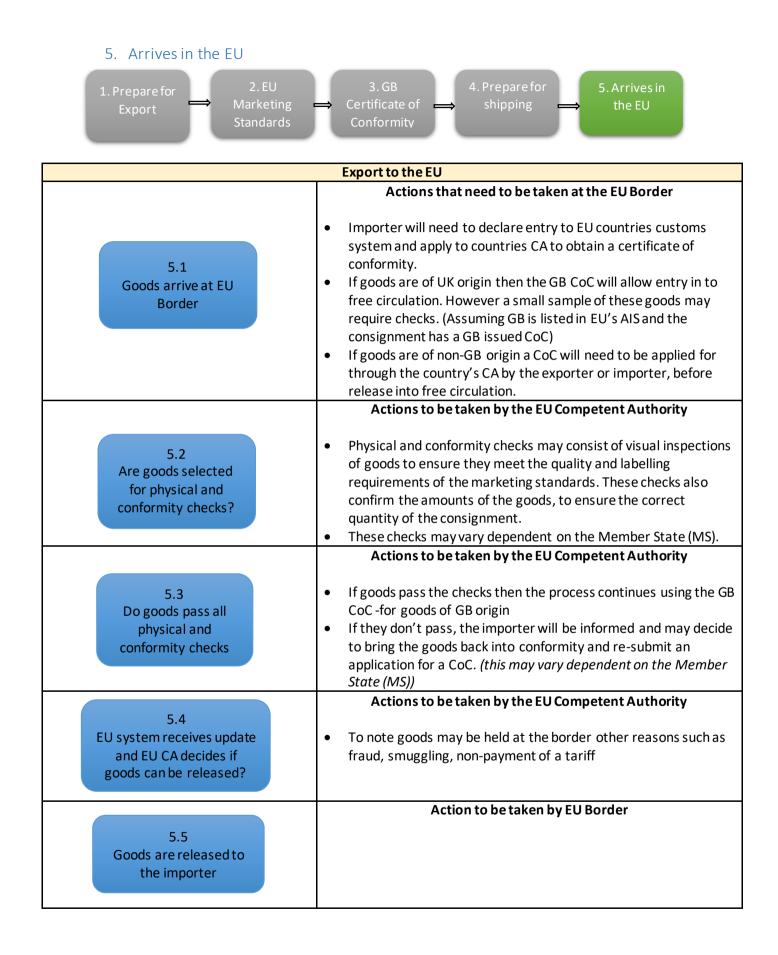
The UK has applied to the EU to become an AIS country. This is likely to be granted by 1 Jan 2021. This means that a certificate of conformity for GB grown produce will be accepted at the EU border for release into free circulation within the EU.

For products of non-UK origin whilst a certificate of conformity is required for export, further checks may also be required at the EU border, exporters will need to prepare for these requirements. Exporters will need to check with the EU country of import.

- <u>SMS commodities</u> apples, pears, grapes, kiwis, citrus, peaches, nectarines, strawberries, lettuce, tomatoes, sweet peppers
- To be fit for sale, the SMS goods must meet certain criteria <u>Click here</u>
- <u>Click here</u> to know more about grade and quality classes.
- <u>Click here</u> to know more about labelling.

3. Certificate of Conformity (CoC)	
1. Prepare for Export ⇒ 2. Marketing Standards	3. Certificate of Conformity (CoC) 4. Prepare for shipping \rightarrow 5. Arrives in the EU
	Export to the EU
3.1 Exporter applies for certificate of conformity	 This action is for the GB CA From January you should use PEACH and from (date tbc) you should use EHC Online. Until Scotland has access to EHC online – for exports from Scotland please visit: https://www.sasa.gov.uk/eu-exit-guidance/fresh-fruit-and-vegetable-marketing-standards-eu-exit-guidance or email: hort.marketing@gov.scot If the applicant is ATS approved the system will issue a certificate of conformity automatically. You can then print this off to send or download it as a file to email the National Clearance Hub (NCH) nch@hmrc.gov.uk If the applicant is not ATS approved, the system will highlight to HMI and require risk assessment as to whether a physical inspection is required or a certificate of conformity can be issued automatically – this is subject to the inspector's decision. If you are not ATS approved you should allow at least 24 hours prior to export to enable any inspections to be undertaken by the CA.
	<demo of="" peach=""> This action is for the GB CA</demo>
3.2 HMI / Scottish Gov carry out physical inspection	 If goods meet the marketing standards a certificate of conformity is issued via PEACH. If goods fail then exporter is informed why and they can then bring product back into conformity if possible and resubmit an application to PEACH/Scottish Government.





5.6 Goods arrive at destination.	Action to be taken by EU Border
Note: Movement of goods between GB – Northern Ireland (NI)	 This action is for the GB Traders For Day 1 (Jan 2021), GB traders need not apply for GB issued CoC for moving goods between GB and NI. Fruit and vegetables moved from GB to NI will need to enter through designated points of entry and meet EU import marketing standards requirements. Further information will be provided shortly.
END	This is the end of the process.

APPENDIX

Summary of IT services used for Import and Exports for fruit and veg fresh produce

Import	IT Services for Fruits & Veg (fresh produce HMI)	IT Services for Plant Health (fresh produce)
Jan	Not required for EU	Not required for fruit and veg plants until April
April	Not required for EU	IPAFFS
From July	IPAFFS	IPAFFS
Export	IT Services for Fruits & Veg	IT Services for Plant Health
	(fresh produce HMI)	(fresh produce)
Jan	PEACH	E-Domero
From Feb (Date	PEACH	EHC online
TBC)		
From July	EHC Online	EHC Online

Glossary

Animal Plant Health Agency
Approved Inspection Services
Approved Trader Status
Competent Authority
Certificate of Conformity
Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight
Centre of International Trade
Export Health Certificate Online
Economic Operator Registration and Identification
European Union
Great Britain
General Marketing Standards
Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate
Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System
Marketing Standards or Member State
National Clearance Hub
Northern Ireland
Procedure for Electronic Application for Certificates
Plat Health Seed Inspectorate
Specific Marketing Standards