

## Introduction

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#### **Acronyms and glossary**



#### AA - Appropriate Authority

A public body with legal power to approve designation of Border Control Posts. In England this is Defra, in Scotland this is the Scottish Government, and in Wales this is the Welsh Government.



#### APHA - Animal & Plant Health Agency

The Competent Authority for audit and assurance of functions at BCPs handling plants and plant products, products of animal origin and live animals in England and Wales, and for BCPs handling products of animal origin and live animals in Scotland. APHA Inspectors advise successful Eol applicants on the infrastructure and operational requirements for the BCP to be formally designated. APHA also provides expertise to conduct checks at BCPs.



#### Applicant

The company or body seeking to create a BCP or expand existing BCP facilities. These may include Port Operators or Commercial Cargo Handling companies.



#### BCP - Border Control Post

The designated inspection facilities at a border 'Point of Entry' (port, airport, rail terminal), where biosecurity checks are carried out on SPS goods imported to Great Britain from any other country in the world, including the EU. BCPs and their functions are set out in UK legislation (the Official Controls Regulation or **OCR**).

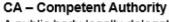
BCPs must be located at the import **Point of Entry**, or the nearest suitable location to it.

BCPs are only responsible for SPS import checks, though Border Force and HMRC facilities can be located at BCP sites and carry out customs and related control measures there.



#### Biosecurity

Controls and processes to protect the people, animals, plants and environment of a country or region from disease and contamination, including from living organisms, pests, bacteria and viruses, chemical contaminants and toxins.





A public body legally delegated to carry out **OCR** functions and duties on behalf of the relevant Appropriate Authority. For BCPs, these bodies include **APHA**, **SASA**, **FSA**, **FSS**, **FC** and relevant **Local Authorities** 





#### What is a CP

- Inland inspection points which operate under customs controls
- Part of the UK's border infrastructure together with BCPs
- Must provide the same biosecurity safeguards as a BCP





# Who can apply?

- Any business, but there are eligibility criteria which must be met
- CPs must meet the same minimum requirements as BCPs



#### **CP** requirements

- CP requirements are defined in legislation.
- Your application will be assessed on a range of factors including the likely number of checks which are to be performed at the prospective facilities and of which commodities
- It is not possible to set precise thresholds given the range of different factors which will be taken into consideration



### **CP** minimum requirements

Sufficient staff numbers

Appropriate premises and facilities

Cleansing and disinfecting equipment

Equipment to enable the performance of checks

Arrangements to prevent cross-contamination

Equipment for weighing consignments



# **CP** minimum requirements

Area for unloading with appropriate cover

Inspection rooms/areas

Storage rooms/areas

Washing facilities

Walls, floors and ceilings that are easy to clean and disinfect, adequate drainage and adequate natural or artificial light for unloading areas and inspection rooms/areas.



### **CP** operational requirements

Facility must comply with a range of conditions

Needs to be biosecure including quarantine areas

Temperature controlled zones (as appropriate), secure detention areas and strict cleaning

Operating procedures, detailing:

- Presenting consignments for inspection
- Cleaning
- Maintenance
- Contingency plans
- Consignment handling / dealing with statutory actions



#### **Customs requirements**

- CPs need to comply with customs requirements temporary storage approval
- CPs are inland inspection sites that are customs authorized
- Consignments must enter an approved port of entry
- Transport to the CP will be under customs control



## **Inspections at CP's**



Plant health inspection staff will inspect goods at CPs



If your goods are selected for inspection they need to be moved to the inspection area



Goods are under customs control until they pass all plant health controls



#### Who undertakes checks at CPs?

For checks, plant health controls undertaken by APHA in England and Wales

SASA will undertake controls in Scotland

Forestry Commission is responsible for controls of wood, wood products and isolated bark in England



## **Additional information**

Operating costs

Seasonality

Letting others use your CP



# **Comparing BCP's and CP's**

81	BCPs		-	CPs	
Located at the point of entry			Located away from the point of entry		
80 Plant/Plant Product designated facilities			34 of these locations are for CPs		
Facilitated checks on all goods, not just Plant Health regulated commodities			Checks only on Plant Health regulated commodities		
APHA operational cover for BCP's is being reviewed and will be communicated shortly			APHA operational cover for Control Points may not align with business operating hours		
Customs authorised premises			Customs authorised premises		



# **Application process**

#### For Control Point applications:

- In England and Wales: email <u>DEFRA-OCR@defra.gov.uk</u>
- In Scotland: email <a href="mailto:BCPScotland@gov.scot">BCPScotland@gov.scot</a>
- No deadline and applications are currently open on a rolling basis designation can take several months



### What happens after I apply?

- · If accepted, an inspector is allocated
- Operator/applicant then submits building plans and supporting documents to the Competent Authorities for consideration
- Construction can start once a favourable outcome is given
- Site visits are undertaken throughout the build, appropriate to the level of infrastructure changes being made
- A final site visit will be conducted to verify compliance
- Once an operator proves they are compliant, APHA will recommend the CP is designated to Defra OCR
- All designated CPs will be listed on gov.uk and the relevant IT systems (PEACH/IPAFFS)
- · Annual audits to verify compliance



#### **Further information**

- Guidance can be found on the Plant Health Portal <u>CP Guidance UK Plant Health Information Portal (defra.gov.uk)</u>
- Details of designated CP's can be found on gov.uk <u>Plant imports: authorised border control posts in the UK GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

