



Borders & Trade Webinar August 2024

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Introduction



- Border operations – latest information
- Future BCP/CP plans
- Common User Charge
- ToRSV update
- EU Nursery requirements consult
- 0601 bulbs – duty suspension
- CITES news
- EU Plant Health Agreement...

Border operations

- Check rates are *still* low
- IPAFFS messaging is back on
- IPAFFS messages now include ‘release’ email
- CDS risk rules are being turned on, slowly



Solutions?

Your import notifications

Sort by:

Reference number	Commodity	Arrival at BCP or POE	CHED status
DRAFT.GB.2024.4587143 - CHEDPP	06029048		DRAFT CHEDPP
Consignee	Consignor	Origin	

Create a new notification

Clone a certificate

HTA advocates for the short-medium term

- Single point of operational contact
- IPAFFS visibility for all
- IPAFFS indicator for type of hold
- Driver to immediately see ALL holds in GVMS

Don't forget legal responsibilities – Government's stated "closer to the EU" ambitions does not mean a relaxed border

Operational Specifics

- What Defra/HTA are looking at improving at BCPs
 - Process for recovering held plants
 - Plant care guidance for port operators - published
 - Driver questionnaire for Sevington
- IPAFFS – bulb imports and mismatches
- E-phyto PCs –no need to post to APHA
- Some ports more efficient than others, e.g. Harwich. But increasing rates will be hard unless BCPs increased in size
- Port of Tyne say almost at capacity
- Poole BCP- no charges (like Portsmouth)
- Reports of APHA resourcing issues – anyone had suspected quarantine pests after entering through BCP? Delays in APHA inspectors attending?

Future BCP/CP plans

- IPAFFS to indicate whether held for doc check or physical check
- Linking of CDS to IPAFFS for plants for planting
- Drivers being able to check loads before leaving port
- Procedure to know what type of turnout / check has occurred (and therefore ££)
- Legislation to allow mature loads & UAFM to be unloaded outside the BCP/CP – Spring 2025

Common User Charge

- Invoices now all issued
- Registered IPAFFS users who are importing plants, whether through an agent or doing themselves received bill direct
- Let us know if any issues / errors / large bills e.g. 30 day payment terms, cash flow impacts, unexpected charges etc
- POLL



Safety and Security Declarations



Safety and Security (S&S) Import Requirements - New obligations from 31 October 2024 for haulage companies and other "carriers"

- Final stage of BTOM border controls is the introduction of import S&S requirements for goods from the EU 31 October 2024.
- S&S info. needed for all consignments entering and leaving GB.
- S&S data for imports is submitted by making an entry summary declaration. It can be submitted by a third party.
- The legal requirement to submit a declaration lies with the carrier. This is the operator of the active means of transport on, or in, which the goods are brought into the customs territory:
 1. Goods travelling by roll-on roll-off (RoRo) - the haulage company must lodge declaration for accompanied goods and the ferry operator if unaccompanied goods.
 2. For air or deep-sea goods – who issued bill of lading or air waybill for the movement? = shipping company or airline.
 3. For rail - the carrier will be the rail freight operator.

For all goods imported into Great Britain, the declaration will be submitted into the S&S GB service. More info. found [here](#).

Other issues / points

- If using parcel operators check right commodity codes are being used!
- Reminder! Attaching UK Plant Passports in EU post 30 June 2025, easement will end
- Duty suspension for 0601 bulbs in consult (2 wk)
- High Risk Plants prohibited list – next dossiers to EU
- Consultation – requirement for exporting nurseries to be registered with NPPO

Tomato Ringspot Virus



Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]

Plants for planting, other than seeds, of *Malus* L. and *Prunus* L.

(a) **F120** the plants originate in areas known to be free from Tomato ringspot virus, or]
(b) **F121** the plants are derived in direct line from material which has been maintained under appropriate conditions and has been subjected, at least once within the last three complete cycles of vegetation, to official testing for **F122**... Tomato ringspot virus, using appropriate indicators or equivalent methods, and has been found free from the **F123**pest], and] no symptoms of diseases caused by Tomato ringspot virus **F124**... have been observed on plants at the place of production, or on susceptible plants in its immediate vicinity, since the beginning of the last complete cycle of vegetation!

- Belgium & Netherlands have declared as not free of ToRSV
- NL NPPOs capacity to provide testing in good time for Autumn?
- Easement for *P. laurocerasus* & *P. lusitanica* (i.e. tests not required) (will be put into law in the Spring)
- NL sourced rootstock for fruit trees – no tests reqd



CITES news



- CITES news – confirmation there is a consultation coming on legislative reform
 - HTA have a stakeholder meeting on 23rd at Kew. Let us know if you have an invite too. Wide consult later this year
- CITES – operational video on applying for a permit for art prop imports available https://youtu.be/aDt_gEnAf3g
- Encourage reporting of CITES permit avoidance & incorrect use of commodity codes Citesteam@homeoffice.gov.uk

HTA actions

- Media coverage
- UK-EU Group
- MP visits
- Defra regular meets
- Website updated

<https://hta.org.uk/policy/cross-border-trade/borders-trade-updates>

- 30 September “Town Hall Live” at Rochfords
- Either in person or via Zoomlink



SPS Agreement with the EU

Starmer promises to repair ties with European countries

JK ministers hoping to use EPC summit to explore possibility of future talks with EU on migration and trade





Discussion

- Views, comments and input
- Sharing intelligence / insights
- Questions?

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