



## DHL EXPRESS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

# Veterinary and Phytosanitary Shipments

## TRADE LANE: EU (European Union) to GB (Great Britain)

### 1. What are Veterinary and Phytosanitary goods?

Examples of Veterinary and Phytosanitary goods include (but not limited to) animals and animal by-product, plants and plant products, feed and food of non-animal origin, laboratory samples of animal origin (e.g. blood or tissue), medications due to their nature or composition (e.g. lactose tablets or gelatin capsules) etc.

### 2. Why is Great Britain (GB) concerned about Veterinary and Phytosanitary goods?

Veterinary border controls are key to ensure that the live animals and animal products entering Great Britain (GB) are safe and meet the specific import conditions laid down in the Great Britain (GB) legislation.

The imported live animals and animal products present the highest level of risk as they can transmit serious human and animal diseases. Therefore it is necessary to subject them to specific controls in Great Britain (GB).

In addition, the relevant rules ensure that the plants, plant products, live animals and animal products entering Great Britain (GB) are safe and meeting the specific import conditions laid down in the Great Britain (GB) legislation.

For the sake of fulfilling those conditions the rules make importation of the related products into Great Britain (GB) subject to authorization, import license, provision of official statement, certificate, etc. Some of the products are prohibited from being imported into Great Britain (GB).

### 3. What is the impact of BREXIT with regards to Veterinary and Phytosanitary Shipments?

Due to BREXIT, controls by Authorities will apply to Veterinary and Phytosanitary shipments from the EU (European Union) to Great Britain (GB) to verify compliance with food and feed law, animal health and welfare, plant health and animal by-product rules.

The UK government has announced a phasing in of Veterinary and Phytosanitary controls to ease the burden on business. Controls will be introduced in three stages on 1 January, 1 April and 1 July 2021.

Most Veterinary and Phytosanitary products can be imported into the UK without being subject to checks or controls up until 1 July 2021, after which normal controls will apply. Please check on the requirements for your products.

### 4. What do I need to do to get prepared to ship Veterinary and Phytosanitary goods from the European Union (EU) to Great Britain (GB) as of January 1<sup>st</sup>?

It is crucial that the exporter of Veterinary and Phytosanitary goods from the European Union (EU) to Great Britain (GB), before handing over the goods to DHL Express, carefully assess the Veterinary and Phytosanitary Regulations of Great Britain (GB), and ensures the appropriate paperwork/ authorizations enabling the product to enter Great Britain (GB) compliantly.

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When shipping these goods with DHL Express, please follow the guidance below:

- **For your Veterinary and Phytosanitary shipments that require special Veterinary and Phytosanitary control formalities** (such as authorization & import/export licence requirements) under the Veterinary and Phytosanitary regulations, please ensure that you have the proper paperwork and authorisations.
- This paperwork must be provided to DHL Express together with your shipments, so it can be handed over to Regulatory Authorities at their request in Great Britain (GB).

## **5. For Veterinary and Phytosanitary shipments that require special Veterinary and Phytosanitary control formalities: what can happen to my shipment if I do not provide the necessary paperwork/ authorizations required by Regulatory Authorities?**

Shipments that are subject to special Veterinary and Phytosanitary control formalities must be handed over to DHL Express with the proper paperwork/authorisations, so those can be handed over to Regulatory Authorities at their request in Great Britain (GB).

If you do not provide such documentation, your shipment may be seized by the Regulatory Authorities in the Great Britain (GB) and appropriate measures may be taken (may be destroyed following the decision by the relevant authorities) or shipments may have to be returned by DHL Express back to origin due to missing paperwork/authorization.

## **6. Where can I find more information about Veterinary and Phytosanitary regulations in Great Britain (GB)?**

For additional information, please find the Great Britain (GB) Government Links below:

- UK Govt. Information about exporting animals and animal products to the UK from 1 January 2021  
[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trading-with-the-uk-exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-uk?utm\\_source=9210fc94-5051-43c8-83e2-2c4712311f4d&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trading-with-the-uk-exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-uk?utm_source=9210fc94-5051-43c8-83e2-2c4712311f4d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)
- UK Govt. Regulations regarding the Import of and Trade in Animals and Animal Products  
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2019/9780111178690/contents>
- UK Govt. Information regarding Importing Goods from the EU to Great Britain from 1 January 2021  
<https://www.gov.uk/prepare-to-import-to-great-britain-from-january-2021>