

# Guide to Border Control Posts (BCP) and Designations

A Border Control Post (BCP) is an inspection post which is designated and approved in accordance with EU legislation to carry out checks on animals and animal products arriving from third countries at a European Union border. The official control checks are carried out at the point of entry to protect animal and public health, and animal welfare.

## 1. Which consignments are required to enter the EU via a BCP?

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 all export consignments of live animals, Products of Animal Origin (POAO), Animal By-Products (ABP), germinal products, hay, straw and foodstuffs containing both products of plant origin and processed products of animal origin ('composite products') will be required to enter the EU via a Border Control Post.

These export consignments can only enter the EU, if they have satisfactorily undergone specific checks and a Common Health Entry Document (CHED) is issued. This CHED is issued from TRACES NT (Trade Control and Expert System – New Technology). TRACES NT is a centralised database which allows the monitoring of consignments of live animals and animal products checked at the BCPs.

Thus, all the above export consignments are required to enter the EU via a BCP and be issued with a CHED.

## 2. Where are these Border Control Posts located?

They are located in every Member State of the EU at ports and airports and rail or road entry points.

Each Member State shall make available on the internet details of the name and address of the operator of the BCP, opening hours, TRACES code and authorised designations for categories of animal and/or specific commodities.

The Member State websites with details of the BCPs are provided below.

## 3. Can I choose any BCP to enter my consignment into the EU?

You need to select a BCP which has a specific designation to undertake official controls on the particular consignment which you are exporting.

These designations can be found on the list of BCPs published by each Member States on the internet (details below).

In addition, if the consignment is subject to CITES export and import licences it will need to enter the EU via a CITES designated port of entry [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/list\\_points\\_of\\_entry.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/list_points_of_entry.pdf).

Each Member State shall designate border control posts to performing official controls on one or more of the categories of animals and goods referred to in Article 47(1) of the Official Controls Regulations (EU) 2017/625.

#### **4. How do BCPs operate with pre-notification and appointment systems?**

BCP operators require official pre-notification of the consignment at least one working day prior to arrival. There is a derogation to allow this to be reduced to 4 hours at the discretion of the individual BCP. The requirements for minimum pre-notification time are set out in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1013](#).

Pre-notification is provided by the EU importer responsible for the consignment in the EU. This is done by completion of Part I of the Common Health Entry Document (CHED) on TRACES NT including the TRACES code, such as FRCQF1 for the BCP at Calais, found on the Member State BCP website list. Thus, it is essential to have an import agent within the EU who must be registered on TRACES NT.

Communication between the EU importer and GB exporter is vital to ensure that details of any appointment and inspection point at the BCP are conveyed to the haulier.

It is a legal requirement to provide this notification and you may be charged an additional fee or the checks may be delayed if you fail to notify the BCP in advance.

#### **5. What are the fees for veterinary checks at the BCP?**

Mandatory fees are levied on the operator for official controls at the BCP. These are detailed in [Annex IV, chapter 1 of Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#) according to the type and volume of the consignment.

It is recommended that you contact the BCP for details of these fees for official controls and any other costs that are incurred should the consignment be detained.

#### **6. Does the operator (EU importer) responsible for the consignment need to be physically present at the BCP?**

According to Article 15 of the Official Controls Regulations (EU) 2017/625, the operators “*shall assist and cooperate with the staff of the competent authorities in the accomplishment of their tasks*”. It is therefore up to the competent authorities to decide what kind of assistance they need. If BCPs do not have their own workforce to handle the loads, they may request the operator responsible for the consignment or it(s) representative(s) to be physically present at the BCP.

The operator responsible for the consignment must be located in the EU territory. If he/she cannot be physically present at the BCP, he/she must take the necessary arrangements to provide the necessary assistance at the BCP. In the case where no one could assist at the BCP, it might happen that the consignment is rejected if this absence prevents the official controls from being properly performed.

## 7. What happens if the consignment is compliant?

Part II of the CHED is completed, by the officials at the BCP, and it travels with the consignment to the final destination as evidence that it is authorised to enter the single market of the EU.

## 8. What happens if the consignment is not compliant?

It will be placed under official detention, isolation or quarantine by the BCP officials and refused entry into the EU.

This decision to refuse entry shall be immediately notified by the BCP to the operator responsible for the consignment who will be given the opportunity to respond.

If the consignment is a risk to human, animal or plant health or a risk to the environment it will be immediately destroyed.

Otherwise the BCP will order the operator responsible for the consignment to undertake one or more of the actions in point (a), (b) or (c).

- (a) **Destruction** of the consignment.
- (b) **Return or re-dispatch** of the consignment outside the Union.
- (c) **Special treatment** or any other measure necessary to ensure compliance and, where appropriate, allocate the consignment for purposes other than those for which it was originally intended.

For more information on the procedure to return goods which are subject to official sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) controls please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/return-your-rejected-exports-from-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

If CITES goods are rejected at EU BCPs on SPS grounds (rather than CITES non-compliance) the goods will still need to go through the CITES returned goods process to re-enter the UK. For CITES, information on returned goods can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cites-imports-and-exports#returned-goods>

## 9. Location of BCP lists

The designations and contact details for each BCP can be found at the EU member state webpages listed below.

Member state	Member state page
Austria (AT)	<a href="https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Topics/Health/Border-Control-Service/List-of-Austrian-Border-Control-Posts.html">https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Topics/Health/Border-Control-Service/List-of-Austrian-Border-Control-Posts.html</a>
Belgium (BE)	<a href="http://www.favv-afscab.be/brexit/fr/generalites/foreigncompanies/">http://www.favv-afscab.be/brexit/fr/generalites/foreigncompanies/</a>
Croatia (HR)	<a href="https://dirh.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/282">https://dirh.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/282</a>
Denmark (DA)	<a href="https://www.foedevarestyrelsen.dk/Leksikon/Sider/Gr%C3%A6nsekontrol,-indgangssteder-og-midlertidige,-godkendte-kontrolsteder.aspx">https://www.foedevarestyrelsen.dk/Leksikon/Sider/Gr%C3%A6nsekontrol,-indgangssteder-og-midlertidige,-godkendte-kontrolsteder.aspx</a>
Estonia (EE)	<a href="https://vet.agri.ee/et/veterinaar-ja-toidukontrolli-piiripunktide-nimekiri">https://vet.agri.ee/et/veterinaar-ja-toidukontrolli-piiripunktide-nimekiri</a>
Finland (FI)	<a href="https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/en/companies/import-and-export/import/animals-and-animal-products/">https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/en/companies/import-and-export/import/animals-and-animal-products/</a>
France (FR)	<a href="https://agriculture.gouv.fr/ou-sont-effectues-les-contrôles-sps-aux-frontières">https://agriculture.gouv.fr/ou-sont-effectues-les-contrôles-sps-aux-frontières</a>
Ireland (IE)	<a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0e2bb-import-of-animals-and-animal-products-designated-border-control-posts/?referrer=http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/importofanimalsandanimalproducts/designatedbordercontrolposts/">https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0e2bb-import-of-animals-and-animal-products-designated-border-control-posts/?referrer=http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/importofanimalsandanimalproducts/designatedbordercontrolposts/</a>
Italy (IT)	<a href="http://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_notizie_4076_0_file.pdf">http://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_notizie_4076_0_file.pdf</a>
Latvia (LV)	<a href="https://www.zm.gov.lv/partikas-un-veterinaraish-dienests/statiskas-lapas/robezkontroles-punktu-saraksts?id=20600#jump">https://www.zm.gov.lv/partikas-un-veterinaraish-dienests/statiskas-lapas/robezkontroles-punktu-saraksts?id=20600#jump</a>
Lithuania (LT)	<a href="https://vmvt.lt/trade/trade?language=en">https://vmvt.lt/trade/trade?language=en</a>
Luxembourg (LU)	<a href="https://securite-alimentaire.public.lu/fr/organisme/pcnp/designations-officielles/BCP.html">https://securite-alimentaire.public.lu/fr/organisme/pcnp/designations-officielles/BCP.html</a>
Netherlands (NL)	<a href="https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/import-van-dieren-en-producten-van-dierlijke-oorsprong/documenten/import/veterinair/nvwa-import-veterinair/algemeen/hpie0202nl-lijst-nederland">https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/import-van-dieren-en-producten-van-dierlijke-oorsprong/documenten/import/veterinair/nvwa-import-veterinair/algemeen/hpie0202nl-lijst-nederland</a>
Portugal (PT)	<a href="http://srvbamid.dgv.min-agricultura.pt/portal/page/portal/DGV/generic">http://srvbamid.dgv.min-agricultura.pt/portal/page/portal/DGV/generic</a>

	<a href="https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/import/default.aspx">os?actualmenu=23555&amp;generico=21552302&amp;cboui=21552302</a>
Spain (ES)	<a href="https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/import/default.aspx">https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/import/default.aspx</a>

## EEA countries

Iceland (IS)	<a href="https://www.mast.is/en/import-export/border-inspection-posts">https://www.mast.is/en/import-export/border-inspection-posts</a>
Norway (NO)	<a href="https://www.mattilsynet.no/om_mattilsynet/import_og_eksport/grensekontroll/norske_grensekontrollstasjoner_norwegian_border_inspection_posts.6678/binary/Norske%20grensekontrollstasjoner%20-%20Norwegian%20border%20inspection%20posts">https://www.mattilsynet.no/om_mattilsynet/import_og_eksport/grensekontroll/norske_grensekontrollstasjoner_norwegian_border_inspection_posts.6678/binary/Norske%20grensekontrollstasjoner%20-%20Norwegian%20border%20inspection%20posts</a>

## Countries with special agreements with the EU.

Faroe Islands	<a href="#">Link</a>
Switzerland (CH)	<a href="https://www.blv.admin.ch/blv/en/home/das-blv/auftrag/vollzug/grenztieraerztlicher-dienst.html">https://www.blv.admin.ch/blv/en/home/das-blv/auftrag/vollzug/grenztieraerztlicher-dienst.html</a>

All EU member state BCP lists are available at the European Commission contact details of BCP [webpage](#) and are kept up to date by EU member states.

## 10. Understanding Member state lists of Border control posts (BCPs) at ports and airports

Lists of Border control posts typically follow the below template.

### Lists of border control post template

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
<b>Border Control Post</b>	<b>Contact details</b>	<b>TRACES code</b>	<b>Type of transport</b>	<b>Inspection centres</b>	<b>Categories of animals and goods and specifications</b>	<b>Additional specifications regarding the scope of the designation</b>

BCP lists provide the following information.

1. Name of Border Control Post
2. Contact details- contact details, open hours and address of BCP
3. TRACES code
4. Types of transport accepted at BCP
5. Inspection centre – Location where goods are sent for inspection

6. Categories of animals and goods and specifications – Accepted commodities at BCP. Section 3 provides more information on the abbreviations listed here.
7. Additional specifications regarding the scope of the designation – Additional information is included here to specify accepted commodities or specify further the designated status.

## 11. Approved categories key

### a. Abbreviations for animals referred to in Annex 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1014

**LA** - Live animals

**U** - Ungulates other than registered equidae

**E** - Registered equidae

**O** - Other animals other than Ungulates (This abbreviation includes zoo ungulates)

### b. Abbreviations for products of animal origin, referred to in Annex 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1014

**POA** - Products of animal origin, composite products, germinal products, animal by-products, hay and straw.

**HC** - Products for human consumption.

**NHC** - Products not for human consumption.

**NT** - No temperature requirement.

**T** - Frozen/chilled products.

**T (CH)** - Chilled products.

**T (FR)** - Frozen products.

### c. Abbreviations for goods of non-animal origin referred to in Annex 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1014.

**PNAO** - Products of non-animal origin.

**HC (food)** - Food of non-animal origin covered by conditions or measures referred to in Annex 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1014.

**NHC (food)** - Feed of non-animal origin covered by conditions or measures referred to in Annex 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1014.

**NHC (other)** - Products of non-animal origin, which are neither food nor feed.

**NT** - No temperature requirement.

**T** - Frozen/chilled products.

**T (FR)** - Frozen products.

**T (CH)** - Chilled products.

**P** – Plants.

**PP** - Plant Products.

**PP (WP)** – Wood and wood products.

**OO** – Other Objects.

d. **Abbreviations for types of transport goods referred to in Annex 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1014**

**A**- Airport

**F** – Rail

**P**- Port

**R**-Road

## 12. Specifications

Standardised Specifications	
(*)	Suspension of BCP and CP as referred to in Article 63 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625
1	See 'Additional specifications regarding the scope of the designation' column
2	Packed products only
3	Fishery products only
4	Liquid in bulk only
Non-standardised Specifications	
5	Wool hides and skins only
6	Only liquid fats, oils, and fish oils
7	Icelandic ponies (from April to October only)
8	Equidae only
9	Tropical fish only
10	Only cats, dogs, rodents, lagomorphs, live fish, and reptiles
11	Only feedstuffs in bulk
12	For (U) in the case of solipeds, only those consigned to a zoo; and for (O), only day-old chicks, fish, dogs, cats, insects, or other animals consigned to a zoo.

13	Designated for transit across the European Community for consignments of certain products of animal origin for human consumption, coming to or from Russia under the specific procedures foreseen in relevant Community legislation.
14	A limited number of species are permitted, as defined by the competent national authority
15	Only for fishery products, bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates, marine gastropods, by-products and products derived from these by-products
16	Excluding carcasses of ungulates
17	Only for consignments transported by road vehicles through the Eurotunnel Shuttle railway
18	Except fishery products and bivalve molluscs
19	Only fishery products and bivalve molluscs