



Trader Readiness Non- GB Transporters

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. I hold Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence, and Vehicle Approval Certificates which have been issued by an EU Member State (not UK), are these valid for journeys in GB?

A. No, they will not be valid in GB after 31st December 2020.

Transporters entering or transiting GB by rail, road, sea or air (including Eurotunnel), will be required to obtain Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence and Vehicle Approval Certificates from the relevant delegated bodies in GB.

Further information on how to apply can be obtained by contacting APHA by email:
CITCarlisle@apha.gov.uk

Q2. How do I obtain Transporter Authorisation, Certificates of Competence, and Vehicle Approval Certificates which are valid for use in GB?

A. EU transporters wishing to transport live animals into GB by rail, road, sea or air (including Eurotunnel) after 31st December 2020 will need to make applications to the relevant delegated bodies for Vehicle Approval Certificates, and to APHA for a Transporter Authorisation. To apply for a Transporter Authorisation, you must be represented in GB.

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Q3. What does “Representation” in GB mean?

A. In order to obtain a Transporter Authorisation issued in GB, applicants are required to be established (e.g. living in GB) or represented in GB.

In order to confirm you are established within GB you will need to provide APHA with your GB address and full contact details.

Where a person or business is providing representation on your behalf, you will need to provide APHA with the name of the person or business, a full GB address and full contact details.

Representation within GB can be in any of the following forms:

- GB agent
- GB transporter
- GB business
- GB individual



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Q4. Do I need to take my vehicle to GB for my Vehicle Approval Certificate?

A. Vehicle Approval Certificates issued by the EU will not be valid in GB after 31st December 2020. Therefore, you will need to bring your vehicle to GB to be inspected by the relevant delegated body.

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Q5. Can I apply now to GB for Transporter Authorisation and Vehicle Approval Certificates, ahead of 31st December 2020?

A. Under Article 12 and Article 18 of Council Regulation EC No 1/2005, transporters cannot hold an authorisation or vehicle approval certificate in more than one Member State at a time. If a transporter holding an EU authorisation and vehicle approval wishes to apply for a GB authorisation, then they would need to wait until after 31st December 2020. Vehicles can be inspected before 31st December but a certificate cannot be issued until after 31st December. They would need to obtain representation within GB and then apply for a new authorisation to APHA and the relevant GB delegated body for vehicle approval.

Q6. Can I hold both a UK and EU version of Transporter Authorisation and Vehicle Approval Certificates?

A. After 31st December 2020 it will be possible to hold both versions of the documentation, since the UK will no longer be treated as an EU Member State.