



European Horse Services

Horse movements between EU and UK from 1st January 2021

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1. Background



- The UK has left the EU since 1 Feb 2020 and the transition period ended 31 Dec 2020.
- Although there is a **trade-agreement** between the UK and EU, there are a lot of changes to be considered for the transfer of horses.

2. General



- Several **permits, certificates or licenses** (see below) required by the EU and issued by an UK Authority are still valid in the EU. Others should be (re-)issued in an EU-Member State where required.
- EU based transporters should make sure they hold all permits, certificates or licenses which are required by UK. Most **titles** they have in possession and which were issued in an EU Member State are still valid in the UK.
- **Tri-Partite** agreement on the movement of horses between UK, IRE and FRA is no longer applicable.
- **Ireland** remains an EU Member State, there are no changes between IRL and other EU-countries.

2. General



- **Northern Ireland** (part of UK) has left the EU but the agreement has stipulated that the territory currently holds its 'EU Status' meaning that the EU protocols are still applying in Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland is being considered as an EU Member State. Exports from UK to NI (or vice versa) will need same requirements as from UK to EU countries.
- However, **Live Animal Transporter Authorizations; Vehicle Approval Certificates and Certificates of Competence** delivered by NI authorities are only valid in NI.
- For transiting UK (Ireland to EU mainland) EU transporters will need Live Animal Transport Authorization, Vehicle Approval Certificate and Certificate of Competence **issued in UK!** (EU docs not valid in UK).

3. Your business/organization



- Make sure you have an **EORI number** (Economic Operator Registration Identification).
 - For UK: www.gov.uk/eori
 - For Belgium: https://financien.belgium.be/nl/douane_accijnzen/ondernemingen/financiën-eori/eori
 - Other EU Member States: please check with your local authority.
- **UK EORI** holders should have a number beginning with '**GB**', other nomenclatures are not valid.
- **Belgian EORI** numbers are indicated by '**BE**' followed by a 10-digit number.

3. Your business/organization

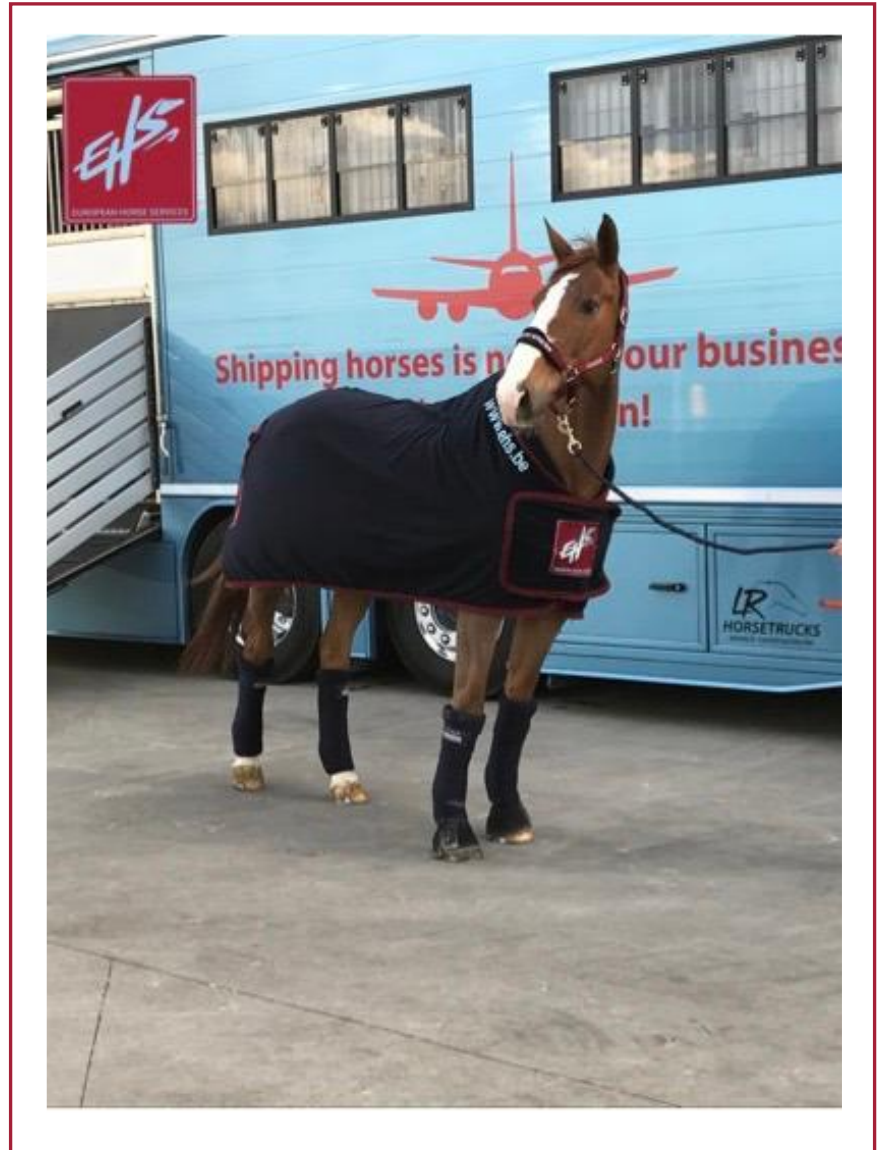
- An **ECMT permit** (International Road Haulage) is **not required** for the transport of live animals!
- Exports from UK will need a **Safety & Security (S&S) declaration**. These declarations are required by UK border authorities to analyze the potential risk caused to the territory by goods crossing the border. There are exit summary declarations and entry summary declarations.
 - **Exit Summary Declaration** is created automatically when an export customs declaration is entered.
 - **Entry Summary Declaration** will have to be completed online but only as from 1 July 2021.
- UK Transporters must apply for a **Live Animal Transporter Authorisation** in an EU Member State. They must be legally represented or have a registered office in an EU Member State. They may not hold authorisations in more than one Member State.
- EU Transporters going to UK should apply for **Live Animal Transport Authorisation (APHA), Vehicle Approval Certificate** and **Certificate of Competence** as well. Applying for Transport Authorisation is only possible if you are registered in the UK. EU transport documentation is no longer valid in UK. EU transporters can have a representation in UK: UK based transporter or agent dealing on their behalf.

4. Your vehicle

UK Transporters must apply for a **Vehicle Approval Certificate** in an EU Member State for every vehicle. They must be legally represented or have a registered office in an EU Member State. They may not hold authorizations in more than one Member State.

EU Transporters going to UK must apply for a **Vehicle Approval Certificate** with the competent authority in GB. They must be legally represented or have a registered office in the UK.

Check your **Insurance Policies**: is your vehicle insurance policy covering accidents in the EU or the UK?



4. Your vehicle



- **Journey logs** are required for shipments of unregistered Equidae (see ‘Your Horse’) – not required for registered horses !
 - from UK to EU, 1 journey log from the authority in country of origin (where journey begins, e.g. England) + 1 additional journey log approval at the first POI into EU (e.g. If travelling to Hook Of Holland, UK transporters must apply for approval of your journey log to Dutch authorities).
 - from EU to UK, again 2 Journey Logs will have to be applied for: one in the country of origin (e.g. Germany) and one in the UK (through APHA)
 - Journey logs are required for commercial transports of unregistered Equidae on a journey over 8 hrs. (overall journey time) to/from UK (incl. transits). Journey logs are not required for registered horses. Journey logs should be applied for at least 2 days on beforehand (sometimes more !) and should be returned to the competent authority after use.
- **‘Kent Access Permit’ (KAP)** is required for all truck drivers (UK & non-UK) who carry out international transportation tasks and are heading to EU via the county of Kent to cross the Channel by ferry or train. To obtain the KAP, you will need all your documentation sorted and declared online before entering Kent. Applications for KAP will be through an online portal: <https://trans.info/en/kent-access-permit-all-you-need-to-know-203800>

5. Your driver

Required documentation

Drivers License

All remain valid.

Certificates of Competence – UK transporters

Previously issued in the UK are no longer valid in the EU. UK Drivers should obtain a new Certificate of Competence in an EU Member State.

Certificates of Competence – EU transporters

Previously issued in an EU Member State are no longer valid in the UK. EU Drivers should obtain a new Certificate of Competence in GB.

Drivers Identity Card / Passport – UK transporters

International passport is required and needs to be valid for a minimum of 6 months at the time you are arriving in the EU.

Drivers Identity Card / Passport – EU transporters

International Passport is required as from 1 Oct 2021. The EU ID-Card will no longer be valid.

Insurance Policies

Is your vehicle insurance policy covering any accidents in the EU or the UK? Any other insurance policies applicable (f.e. personal insurance)?

Customs Declaration

Any driver approaching a port of exit / entry must carry evidence on board that a Customs Declaration has been made for all goods in his/her vehicle.

6. Your horse



6.1 General

- **TRACES** is still in use for EU countries.
- UK residents/companies should use a new system: **IPAFFS**

6. Your horse

6.2. From UK to EU Member State

- **Studbooks:** Generally (most) common UK Studbooks are recognized by the EU! Same goes for passports issued by these Studbooks. Horses holding a passport issued by a non-recognized studbook are considered as 'non-registered'.
- **Horse passports:** registered equines will have a passport and H/C to travel. Unregistered horses will have their (UK) passport + an additional travel ID + H/C. Digital passports are under construction but are not yet approved.
- **Microchip** is required for all horses and must be entered in the horse's passport.
- **Vaccinations** might be required.
- **Blood tests:**
 - A **Coggins test** for EIA required within 90 days prior export;
 - **EVA VN-test** for stallions (>180 days) within 21 days of export (if positive; check alternatives on testing and vaccination!).



6. Your horse

6.2. From UK to EU Member State

Health Certificates: UK to EU:

- applications for H/C to be done with Defra min. 7 to 10 days prior export;
- an official veterinarian – who you should choose from an online list - must complete, sign and stamp those docs prior to departure. He/she will charge for the inspection, the actual H/C is free of charge.
- H/C should always be issued in two languages: the one from the country of departure and the one of the country of destination.
- prior applying for your first H/C, you will need to register for the GOV Gateway (can be done on beforehand).



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6. Your horse

6.2. From UK to EU Member State

Temporary export (< 90 days)

Only possible for horses listed in an EU approved studbook. They require pre-export residency under veterinary supervision during minimum 40 days in UK (or EU). It is not allowed for non-registered horses! They should come as permanent entries and be submitted to those requirements.

Horses travelling temporary to/from UK (e.g. for competition or breeding purposes) can no longer return to their home country on the same (Traces)-health certificate but will require new health documents.

Permanent export (> 90 days)

Require a pre-export residency in UK premises and under veterinary supervision for minimum 90 days. They must be separated from any other Equidae (unless they have the same health status) minimum 30 days prior to export. The Official Veterinarian (OV) will do two pre-export checks on the premises of origin.

6. Your horse

- **6.2. From UK to EU Member State**

Border Inspection is required for every horse coming from UK and entering the EU. This will be done at the first POI into EU.

Several BCP's have been installed and approved (or will be) for equines. They are available in France: Calais (ferries) & Coquelles (Eurotunnel) ... A full list is available online.

No BIP is available in Zeebrugge or Oostende for horses unfortunately.

Registered horses: should go to an 'Equine BCP'.

Non-registered horses: should report to an 'ungulate BCP'.

6. Your horse

- **6.2. From UK to EU Member State**

BCP's might do both species but this will need to be checked on beforehand. Operational hours of BCP Calais are from 08:30 to 18:00 hrs (incl weekends). They have a limited capacity of 25 consignments per day.

Prior arrival notice should be given to the local BIP through a digital platform. Details of the consignment must be entered into the TRACES system by the Import Agent and an Importers Declaration (CHED) should be made.

Depending on the authorities' decision (based on the type of horses and your paperwork) horses might have to be offloaded & stabled for inspection. Costs are between €350/horse and €560/horse and must be paid to local customs and the ferry service or Eurotunnel. Refused shipments at BCP's (non-compliance with EU regulations) can be returned to UK with the original documents (H/C).

Shared loads of horses from UK to various EU countries can travel on the same truck and will be inspected at BCP.

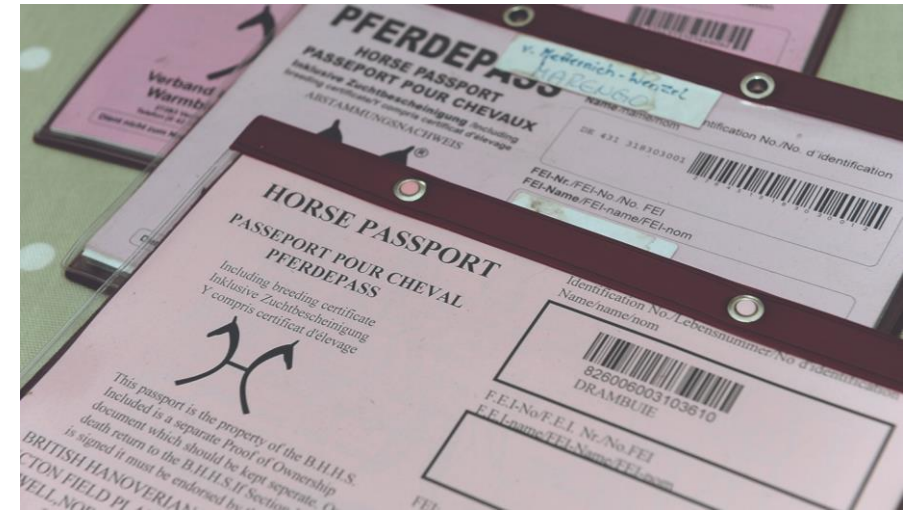
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6.3. From EU to UK

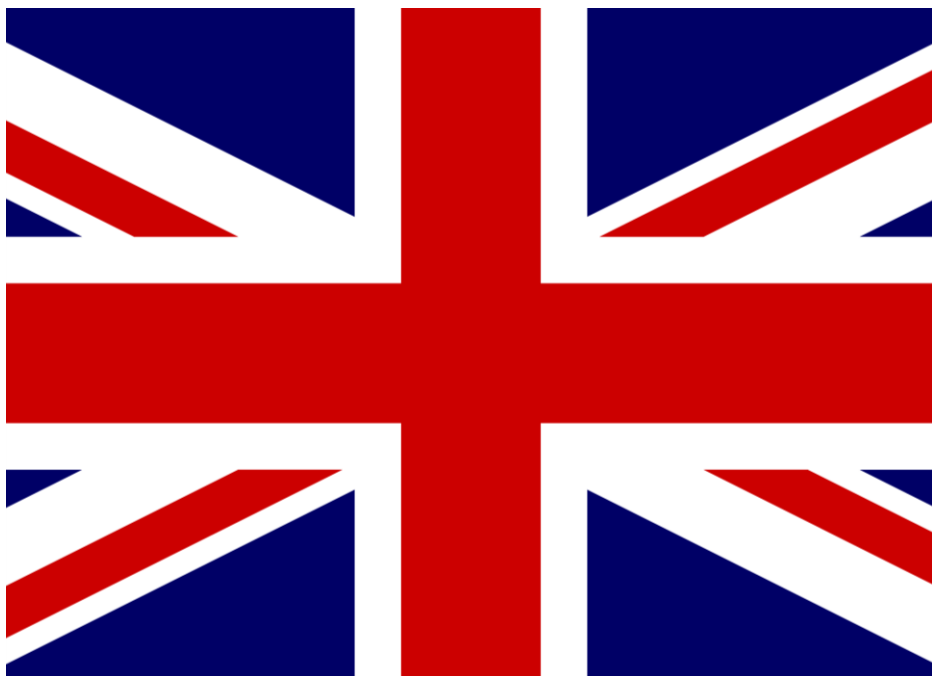
Horses travelling from EU to UK do not require additional vaccination or testing and can travel on the existing EU-TRACES certificate (aka 'UK Certificate') issued in the country of origin prior departure.

They must be **microchipped** and must have an official, **EU-approved passport**.

Horses travelling temporary to/from UK (less 90 days, e.g. for competition or breeding purposes) can no longer return to their home country on the same (TRACES)-health certificate but will require new health documents.



6. Your horse



6.3. From EU to UK

- When imported into the UK, animals (and animal products) will be subject to a minimum of 1% checks. Defra (IPAFFS) must be informed at least 24 hours prior arrival in UK. Import inspections of AVI might be done at final destination until 1 July 2021. After that date, inspections will probably be done at Border Control Posts (to be confirmed).

as from 1st Jan only excise goods and high-risk goods will be inspected;

as from 1 Apr 2021, the same goods will be inspected but pre-notification is required;

as from 1 July 2021 all goods will be inspected.

6. Your horse

6.4. Customs procedures

- Every horse (and equipment or other goods traveling along) moving from EU to UK (and vice versa) will need to be exported in the country of origin and be imported in the destination country.
- **Export declarations** must be made before departure from the premises (not at the border) and certainly prior arrival at the port of departure/embarkation. Requirements for customs formalities: EORI number (importer/exporter); (pro forma) invoice & VAT number (where applicable).



6. Your horse

6.4. Customs procedures

- Customs clearance documents are identified with an **MRN number** (Movement Reference Number). This number will need to be known prior arriving at the ferry/train terminal to avoid delays. Eurotunnel and ferry operators have developed online applications for pre-check in where vehicle registration numbers can be linked to MRN numbers and booking references. Vehicles without online pre-check in will be refused entry to the terminals.
- The use of **ATA Carnets** (for temporary movements) between any EU Member State and the UK is recommended for horses travelling frequently between UK and EU (or transiting the EU).
- Customs **import into UK**: stops on entry will be required. Eurotunnel will probably arrange UK import customs check already on French side. It is expected that horses should not be offloaded for customs inspections.

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6. Your horse



6.4. Customs procedures

- Eurotunnel / Ferries have installed '**SIVEP**': customs control units, next to the veterinary inspection posts (BCP).
- **Customs Duty** (aka 'Import Tax') is due on horses both on arrival in EU or UK.
- **VAT** on imports is indeed applicable as well on arrival in the UK as on arrival in the EU. VAT is calculated based on the value of the goods including other shipping related costs such as transport charges, customs clearance costs, veterinary inspection fees, packaging costs, insurance premiums....

6. Your horse

6.4. Customs procedures

Current rates applicable import into the EU

- **Import tax: normally** 11,5% (same for all EU countries) – however thanks to EU/UK Trade Agreement there is a zero-tariff applicable but only for horses which were born in the UK. Horses born in the EU, previously exported to UK and now returning to EU are submitted to the normal rate of 11,5%
- **VAT at importation:** depending on country of importation (usually between 19% and 21%)

For breeding stock exemptions or reductions might apply under strict circumstances and depending country of destination.

Current rates applicable import into the UK

- **Import tax:** 10 % for most (sport) horses, however thanks to EU/UK Trade Agreement there is a zero-tariff applicable for horses born in the EU.
- **VAT at importation:** 20%.

Exceptions and exemptions might apply for broodmares, breeding stallions or others.

-> Please contact EHS office for further details & options.



7. Attention

- Transporter Authorizations, Vehicle Approval Certification, Certificates of Competence and Journey Logs do not apply to the transport of live animals which does not take place in connection with an economic activity.
 - Professional rider = economic activity!
 - Amateur rider (having a different non-equine related profession) = recreational, no economic activity!
 - Bear in mind the new EU legislation on '**commercial**' vs '**non-commercial**'!
- **Equine semen** (fresh or frozen) as well as **embryos** must follow same (nearly) requirements as live horses, including inspection at BCP when brought into Europe.
- **Horse feed** and **animal bedding** might also need H/C and Inspection, depending on the compound (to be checked with authority).

7. Attention

- Taking your **dog or other pet**? Passports, health certificates, vaccination & testing for rabies, customs, border inspections, etc. also apply to them and will generate extra costs! Planning takes minimum 3 months before you travel!
- Watch out for **other products in your vehicle**: food items, medicines ... might be subject to permits, certificates, clearance and inspections. Check before you travel!
- **Wooden packing material** (pallets, crates, ...) for international cross-border deliveries (EU to UK and vice versa) must comply with the international phytosanitary requirements '**ISPM 15**' (intensive heat treatment). This must be indicated on the packing material with the ISPM mark. No ISPM logo = no entry in UK/EU. This is also applicable for any export from EU to third countries. This requirement is not applicable to chipboard, OSB or plywood since these materials were already submitted to heat treatment at their production.



7. Attention

- Goods **transiting EU** (e.g. Gibraltar to England, Scotland and Wales) will also require new documentation unless they arrive directly into the UK or Gibraltar (e.g. direct flight by air or journey over sea).
- Be aware if you are taking **tobacco products or alcohol**: there will be volume or number limitations.



8. Challenges



- First weeks of 2021 chaos is expected in and around borders, train & ferry terminals. If possible, better avoid these first weeks.
- **Priority lanes** for AVI are being discussed but not confirmed (yet).
- Make sure you **plan well** in advance. Permanent entries into EU require minimum 90 days preparations where temporary imports take at least 40 days on beforehand. Treating veterinarians, Veterinary Officers and H/C should be applied for long before you travel. Ferry & train reservations as well as BIP appointments and customs declarations should be done before you start your journey. We suggest to contact professional transporters and customs brokers who will help you through the process.
- Make sure you have **contingency plans** in case of delays or other problems “en route”. Carry additional water, feed and bedding.

9. Useful links

There is variety of useful links available on the internet to help you through the process

- **GENERAL**
 - Trading between UK and EU: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-and-support-if-your-business-trades-with-the-eu>
 - UK Border Operations: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-border-operating-model>
- **EORI NUMBER**
 - In UK: <https://www.gov.uk/eori>
 - In Belgium: https://financien.belgium.be/nl/douane_accijnzen/ondernemingen/financiën-eori/eori
- **CUSTOMS**
 - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/customs-declarations-for-goods-taken-out-of-the-eu>
- **ANIMALS & HORSES**
 - List of BCP at EU entry points: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1563184991622&uri=CELEX:02009D0821-20190107>
 - https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/vet-border-control/bip_en
- **Moving Animals from UK to EU**
 - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSGNd_CrnsM&feature=youtu.be
- **Exporting equidae from UK to EU**
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 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBDVqliipCE&feature=youtu.be>

10. Solutions offered by European Horse Services

- **Export Health Certificates** for horses travelling from the EU to UK can be done at EHS facilities (Office hours).
- **Export customs clearance** for horses travelling ex EU (all countries) to UK can be done at EHS facilities.
- EHS will can arrange **ferry & train bookings** between France & UK (both ways). EHS will arrange online pre-check-in at ferry/train terminal, including entry of customs MRN numbers for reservations made through EHS.
- **Pre-notification for BCP** arrivals at the terminals in France can be arranged by EHS.



10. Solutions offered by European Horse Services

- **Import customs clearance** (UK to all European Member States) can be done at EHS facilities. No waiting times: if wanted, horses can be dropped off outside customs office hours.
- **Road transport** (shared or sole use) between all EU countries and to/from UK available with first class vehicles (big and small) available.
- Safe and bio-secured **layover stabling** available. Approx. 80 min from Calais ferry terminal.



10. European Horse Services solutions for UK-based commercial companies



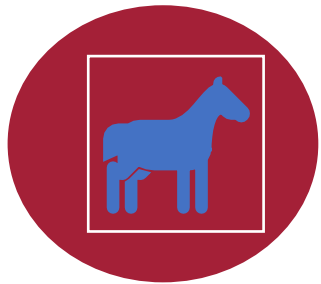
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- EHS can be your legal **representative** in an EU Member State (Belgium) and arrange the registration of your business with the Belgian authorities (Departement Dierenwelzijn) and arrange a General Transport Authorisation for AVI.
- **Inspection** of your **UK AVI-trucks** with 'Departement Dierenwelzijn' and have the Transport Authorization Certificate delivered for each truck. Inspections are being done, once a week in Meetkerke (Bruges) and Brussels by appointment only (min. 7 days required, 14 days if your business has no General Authorisation yet).
- EHS can arrange **trainings/exams** to obtain certificate of competence for drivers.

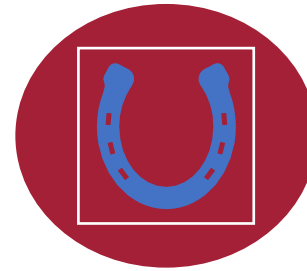


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11. Remarks



The current presentation is focused on the trade and transport of live sport- and recreation horses. Other live animals and high-risk products are also submitted to changes but do not categorize under this presentation.



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