

Veterinary consignments from UK to the EU via the Netherlands

 North Sea

 01-12-2023

Since Brexit the legislation regarding the introduction of veterinary consignments shipments from third countries also applies to shipments from the UK. An important rule for bringing veterinary goods into the EU is that they must be notified in advance to the NVWA and be subject to official controls.

Please have a look at the following pages for information regarding how to proceed with veterinary consignments going forward.

For any further questions please contact the NVWA:

<https://english.nvwa.nl/>

Best regards,

Stena Line Freight

How does this work until now?

This pre-notification must be done in the system of the NVWA, called VGC. A shipment must also be given the status (temporary) D-confirm in VGC before transport by ferry to the EU.

For various reasons, such as unfamiliarity with the rules among entrepreneurs in the UK and the EU and the fact that the duration of the crossing from the UK is much shorter than most other third countries, veterinary consignments are still incorrectly and/or not reported in VGC in time, or without correct D-control status being transported into the EU.

How will it work from 1 December 2023?

- The NVWA has developed the ability to using a web service to check if consignments, subject to inspection a pre-notification in VGC, have been made and that this has the status '(provisional) D-conform'.
- The booking systems of the ferry companies are adjusted in such a way that the GGB number for consignments subject to inspection must be entered when the booking is filled in.
- From the booking systems it is checked whether the shipments have a pre-notification in VGC and whether the shipment has the status '(temporary) D-conform'.

This check has the following consequences

- Inspection required shipments for which the ferry companies cannot determine that the pre-notification has been made and the status '(temporary) D-conform' will not be let on board by the ferry companies in the UK.
- Consignments for which the formalities have been completed may, on arrival at the EU, leave without delay to an inspection facility.

You will need to go through the following process steps:

1. Pre-registration of the shipment in VGC. This generates a GGB number.
2. Scan the official certificate with the GGB number, request for document control on the copy, and send it to Dutch Customs PO Box (douane.drh.veterinair.vk@douane.n1).
3. D-control UK shipments within 4 hours by Customs (during business hours).
4. Booking with ferry company quoting GGB number in ferry operator booking system.
5. Control by ferry company on D-control status via web service in VGC.
6. Loading of shipments on the vessel approved if GGB number matched the VGC database.
7. On arrival, goods may leave the terminal to be inspected at the inspection facility.

How to proceed?

As of 01-12-2023 the NVWA, in cooperation with Dutch Customs, will systematically monitor whether this mutually agreed upon working method is being carried out by agreements, so please ensure that all parties in the supply chain (sellers, exporters, buyers, importers, customs agents and logistics providers) are aware of this procedure and that failure to comply with the above will lead to severe delays of veterinary cargo upon arrival on the ferry terminals.

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How to add it in Freight Portal:

Step 1: Create a booking via our Freight Portal

The screenshot shows the 'Create new booking' form in the Stena Line Freight Portal. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Account:** STENABV
- Route:** Harwich - Europoort
- Date:** 26-11-2023
- Time:** 21:00
- Vehicle type:** Trailer
- Length (m):** 14
- Width (m):** 2.6
- Height (m):** 4
- No. of bookings:** 1
- Vehicle Reg:** GGB
- Customer reference:** (empty)
- Hazardous goods:** No
- Temperature (°C):** (empty)
- Cargo weight (kg):** (empty)
- Loading Pref.:** No
- Export:** (M)UCR for loaded units

Buttons: 'Show departure' and 'Book'.

Step 2: Click on the “Edit Booking” button

The screenshot shows the 'Booking details' modal for booking number 81796375. The booking is confirmed. The details are as follows:

Field	Value
Booking number	81796375
Status	Confirmed
Route	HCEU
Date	26-11-2023
Departure time (local)	21:00
Vehicle registration	GGB
Vehicle type	TRAILER
Length	14 m
Width	2.6 m
Height	4 m
Export	-
Import	-
Account	STENABV (460000)

Additional information: Harwich, 26 Nov 21:00; STENA FORERUNNER; Europoort, 27 Nov 07:30; Offpeak.

Buttons: 'Cancel booking' and 'Edit booking'.

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Step 3: Click on “Declare ENS”

Cargo	Details
<p>Weight (kg) <input type="text" value="0"/></p> <p>Temperature (°C) <input type="text"/></p> <p>Hazardous goods <input type="text" value="No"/></p>	<p>Account <input type="text" value="STENABV"/></p> <p>Customer reference <input type="text"/></p>
<p>↔ Import/Export</p>	
<p>Export <input type="text" value="(M)UCR for loaded units"/></p> <p>Import <input type="text" value="Declare ENS"/></p>	<p>Loading note <input type="text"/></p> <p>Loading preference <input type="text" value="No"/></p>

Step 4: Click on “Add Consignment”

Declaration Unconfirmed PORTBASE REF. STNL0081796375 VEHICLE REG. GGB ROUTE HCEU DEPARTURE 2023-11-26 21:00

No consignments

There are no consignments and no goods added to this booking yet

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Step 5:

5.1. Click on the slider “Consignment contains veterinary goods”

5.2 Add the GGB reference number

Sender Recent

EORI

Name: Stena Line UK

Address: Harwich road 10

Postal code: 32E JK4 City: Harwich

Country: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ire...

Receiver Recent

EORI

Name: Stena Line NL

Address: Stationsweg 10

Postal code: 3151HS City: Hoek van Holland

Country: Select...

Customs details

Customs status: IM - import from 3rd country

Consignment contains veterinary goods

GGB reference: 123456

If you have goods with more than one GGB reference they must be in separate consignments.

Goods

No.	Package type	No. packages	Goods description	Gross weight (kg)	Veterinary or Phytosanitary products
1	4G – Box, fibreboard	10	Meat	10000	Veterinary

+ Add goods

Step 6: Click on “Confirm ENS”

ENS Declaration Unconfirmed PORTBASE REF. STNL0081796375 VEHICLE REG. GGB ROUTE HCEU DEPARTURE 2023-11-26 21:00

Empty Add consignment Not saved yet Save draft Confirm ENS

Errors will be shown directly after confirming the ENS

Consignment 1 – STNL0081796375001

The ENS declaration was saved but contains errors. The errors must be corrected before the declaration can be confirmed.

- STNL0081796375001 contains errors

Sender Recent

EORI

Name: Stena Line UK

Address: Harwich road 10

Postal code: 32E KJ4 City: Harwich

Country: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ire...

Receiver Recent

EORI

Name: Stena Line NL

Address: Stationsweg 10

Postal code: 3151HS City: Hoek van Holland

Country: Netherlands

Customs details

Customs status: IM - import from 3rd country

Consignment contains veterinary goods

GGB reference: 123456

GGB reference has invalid format

If you have goods with more than one GGB reference they must be in separate consignments.