



# Logistics and import in the UK (agri-food)

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# Selling into the UK

- Sales agreements are normally negotiated with end retailers or with food distribution companies.
- Some distributors are happy to import.
- Distributors will have preferred haulage companies that they will recommend.
- There is NO set structure, and each manufacturer will have to address transport as a separate concern.
- Too many different haulage companies both from EU and UK with different costs and requirements.
- EXW – Ex Works (named place of delivery)
- FCA – Free Carrier (named place of delivery)
- CPT – Carriage Paid To (named place of destination)
- CIP – Carriage and Insurance Paid to (named place of destination)
- DPU-Delivered At Place Unloaded (named place of destination)
- DPA- Delivered At Place (named place of destination)
- DDP-Delivered Duty Paid (named place of destination)

A background image showing a stack of shipping containers. Some are red with the Union Jack flag, and others are blue with the European Union flag. The containers are stacked in a way that creates a sense of depth and perspective.

## Factors that influence the cost of imports to the UK

By Road £      By Train ££      By Air £££

Costs that will affect your shipping costs

- Fuel prices UK and EU
- Import Duty of products
- Ambient, Chilled or Frozen
  - VAT
- Size of shipment and regularity of delivery
- Arrange sales Exworks with purchasing company
- The main volume of EU – UK trade is transported on road



# Major UK Food Importers

- **1. Lamex Food Group**

- One of the top 100 private UK companies, Lamex managed to become in over 50 years a global trade network with more than 60 food traders that operate from 15 countries. The company has a wide focus and deals with an extensive range of food products, from meat to honey.

- **Address:** Turnford Place, Great Cambridge Road, Turnford, Hertfordshire

- **Phone:** +44 (0) 1992 473 888

- **Top products imported:** Meat, Seafood, Fruit & Vegetables, Honey, Dairy, Juices

- **Website:** <http://www.lamexfoods.eu/>

- **2. IPL – International Procurement & Logistics**

- IPL is one of the largest food importers in the UK, operating in the vegetables, beverages and nuts sectors.

- Part of the ASDA family since 2009, IPL works with suppliers from all around the world.

- **Address:** Unit 1, Foxbridge Way, Normanton, West Yorkshire

- **Phone:** 01924 244444

- **Top products imported:** Fruit & Vegetables, Nuts, Juice

- **Website:** <https://www.ipl-ltd.com/>

- **3. Grace Foods UK**

- Grace Foods UK is a subsidiary of Grace Kennedy, a US\$1bn global consumer goods and finance group. The company established a multi-category sales, marketing, import and manufacturing business for both its own and a large number of world brands.

- **Address:** Grace House Centrapark, Bessemer Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire

- **Phone:** 01707 322332

- **Top products imported:** World and Ethnic Foods

- **Website:** <http://www.gracefoodsukgroup.com/>

- **4. Peter Gilding & Company**

- An important British fresh produce importer that also operates a 9700 sq. metres of chill storage that can accommodate 7,000+ pallets, Peter Gilding & Co sources from both Europe and South America – Italy, Spain and Chile.

- **Address:** Knowsley Business Park, Caddick Road, Prescot, Merseyside

- **Phone:** +44 (0) 151 548 7070

- **Top products imported:** Fresh Produce

- **Website:** <http://www.petergilding.co.uk/index.html>

# UK specifics

## Border Operating Model

Customs

**1 January 2022**

Full customs declarations for imports are required, the option for the **delayed declaration scheme** came to an end.

**Rules of Origin - Suppliers' declarations** are also needed at the point of **claiming preference**.

**1 July 2022**

**Safety and Security Declarations** will become due on goods being imported from the EU into GB.

**Final date** to have completed the final declarations deferred from Jan 2022 using **Simplified Customs Declaration Procedure (SCDP)**.

SPS

**1 January 2022**

Pre-notification requirements of **Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) goods**, which were due to be introduced on 1 October 2021, are now introduced on 1 January 2022.

**1 July 2022**

**Certification and physical checks will be introduced for:**

- All remaining regulated animal by-products.(ABP)
- All meat and meat products.
- All remaining high-risk food not of animal origin.
- High-priority plants and plant products checks will transfer from control at place of destination to designated BCPs.

**1 September 2022**

Certification and physical checks will be introduced for all **dairy products**.

**1 November 2022**

Certification and physical checks will be introduced for all remaining regulated products of animal origin, including **composite products** and **fish products**.

# UK GUIDE

# Haulier Handbook

- The online Haulier Handbook guidance has been updated to reflect the delays to import control phasing announced on the 15th of December 2021 and will be updated again as necessary.
- The English version and all 17 languages, including the downloadable pdfs, have been updated.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/transporting-goods-between-great-britain-and-the-eu-by-ro-ro-freight-guidance-for-hauliers>



- On 31 Dec 2020, the UK Government introduced a new IT platform called the Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) to support the pre-lodgement model for imports, exports and transit movements.
- The pre-lodgement model (developed as an alternative for where border locations may not have the space or infrastructure to operate temporary storage regimes) ensures all declarations are pre-lodged before they board – this will maintain flow, especially at high volume RoRo locations.
- GVMS enables:
  - declaration references to be linked together so that the person moving the goods (e.g. a driver) only has to present one single reference (Goods Movement Reference or GMR) at the frontier.
  - linking of the movement of goods to declarations, enabling the automatic arrival/departure of goods within HMRC systems
  - automation of the Office of Transit function, marking the entry of goods into NI or GB
  - notification of the risking outcome of declarations (held or cleared) in HMRC systems to be sent to the person in control of the goods by the time they physically arrive in GB.

The logo for the Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) is contained within a large, light grey circle. The text 'GVMS' is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the words 'Goods Vehicle Movement Service' are written in a smaller, black sans-serif font, arranged in three lines. A thick green curved bar is positioned at the bottom right of the circle, and a small grey circle is located at the bottom center of the circle.

# GVMS

## Goods Vehicle Movement Service

# Guidance

- **Register for the Goods Vehicle Movement Service**
- If you're a haulier and move goods through a port in the UK that uses the Goods Vehicle Movement Service, you'll need to register for the service to get your goods through customs.
- Registration is done online via GVMS website
- Contact your transport companies for assistance with declarations.
- Contact UK trade specialists for a dedicated information source.





# Additional assistance

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- Please speak with your transport company they will inform you of what is required for transportation.
- Contact [uktrade@mze.cz](mailto:uktrade@mze.cz) for specialised assistance
- Check <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/trade-with-the-uk-as-a-business-based-in-the-eu>

# Important links

## UK TRADE

- Online tool to check which Rules of Origin apply to your exports
- <https://www.gov.uk/check-duties-customs-exporting>.
  
- FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY
- [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk) All you need to know regarding import requirements for food.
  
- DEFRA UK
- <http://importdetails.defra.gov.uk>

# Transport goods to UK by road: step by step

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### Step1:

Apply for operator  
licences and permits.  
Haulage Co. responsible

### Step2:

Register and get approval  
for your vehicle.  
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### Step3:

Make sure your driver is  
eligible to drive abroad  
Haulage Co. responsible

### Step4:

Check the rules for the  
goods



### Step5:

Make sure your driver has  
the right export  
documents



### Step6:

Find out what vehicle  
documents your driver  
needs to carry.  
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### Step7:

Check you are ready for  
the Port of Dover,  
Eurotunnel or Holyhead  
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### Step8:

Check local road rules  
Haulage Co. responsible



Information for Paperwork will be required to be provided by the manufacturer

## Common Terms used within documentation

- RoRo - Roll-on/Roll-off
- GVMS - Good Vehicle Movement Service
- EAD - Export Accompanying Document
- TAD - Transit Accompanying Document
- MRN - Movement Reference Number
- GMR - Goods Movement Reference
- IBF - Inland Border Facility
- IPAFFS - Imports of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System

Source UK Border protocol and delivery group  
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# Glossary





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