

# Sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) training

If you are involved in Food and Agri business, and you import/export or distribute food products to or from outside of the EU, including Great Britain (GB), it is imperative that you understand the requirements for importing/exporting food, including SPS requirements, in order to avoid delays at the Port. Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures are designed to protect human, animal and plant health from diseases, pests or contaminants.

**These SPS controls are prescribed in EU law and are mandatory.**

Sanitary refers to live animals, food of animal origin, germinal products and animal by products.

Phytosanitary refers to plants, plant products, fruit, veg and horticulture products.

**What businesses need to know about food import/export requirements?**

The EU has very strict controls on the imports of animals and animal related products. The controls can consist of a documentary check, an identity or a physical check or any combination of these checks. The nature of what is required will depend on the type of food, with some exports also requiring an export health certificate or a phytosanitary certificate. The nature of what is required will depend on the type of food, with some exports also requiring an export health certificate or a phytosanitary certificate.

**What are the risks?**

If you do not complete the SPS import/export formalities your goods are at a risk of:



Lengthy delays



Refused entry to EU/GB



Destruction costs/return of the goods to the exporter

This could result in your being unable to serve your final customer in sufficient time or a complete write-off if they are perishable.

**How can we help?**

bDO is offering a SPS training course, run over two half-days, for Food Business Operators and Logistic companies who are both new to the import/export of SPS goods and also to operators with some experience in SPS formalities.



**This course is a tutorial-based webinar carried out by BDO experts from our Customs and International Trade Services Team.**

Upon completion of the course, participants will understand:

- ▶ The SPS requirements for your product
- ▶ How to create an SPS pre-notification, and
- ▶ The requirements for requesting an export health certificate.

## Pricing & structure of the training

Level	Beginner & Intermediate
Cost	€1,500 + VAT (2 half-day course)

## Course Availability

BDO is here to help you and your business understand all the necessary requirements when trading. If you are interested in attending one of our sessions or would like to find out more information, please contact [customstraining@bdo.ie](mailto:customstraining@bdo.ie) or visit [bdo.ie](http://bdo.ie)