

Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Training

If you are involved in Food and Agri business, and you import/export 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.

There are also further GB import controls due to be enforced from **1 January 2022** which will be required in addition to customs formalities.

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.

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 you 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 who are both new to the import/export of SPS goods and also to operators with some experience in SPS formalities.

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.

This course is a tutorial-based webinar which will allow you to understand the SPS requirements.

Pricing & Structure of the Training

Level Beginner & Intermediate

Cost €1,500 (2 half-day course)

Brief description of the course content:

- Day 1 Imports into Ireland**
 - Food Business Operator DAFM Registration
 - Product Categories
 - TRACES creation of Cheds
 - DAFM INIS Portal (Pre-notification).
- Day 2 Exports from Ireland to Great Britain**
 - GB Importer DEFRA Registration
 - Product Categories
 - Irish Export Health Certs
 - GB Importer Pre-notification Requirements.

Please note as this is a workshop-based training course, numbers are limited to 10 people to enable support through the training. Company profile and product details are required in advance.

Course Availability

BDO is here to help you and your business through these uncertain times. If you are interested in attending one of these sessions or would like to find out more information, please contact customstraining@bdo.ie or visit bdo.ie