

Belgium / UK Border Industry Facilitation Committee (BIFCom)

Webinar

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Luke Myers; 4/05/2021

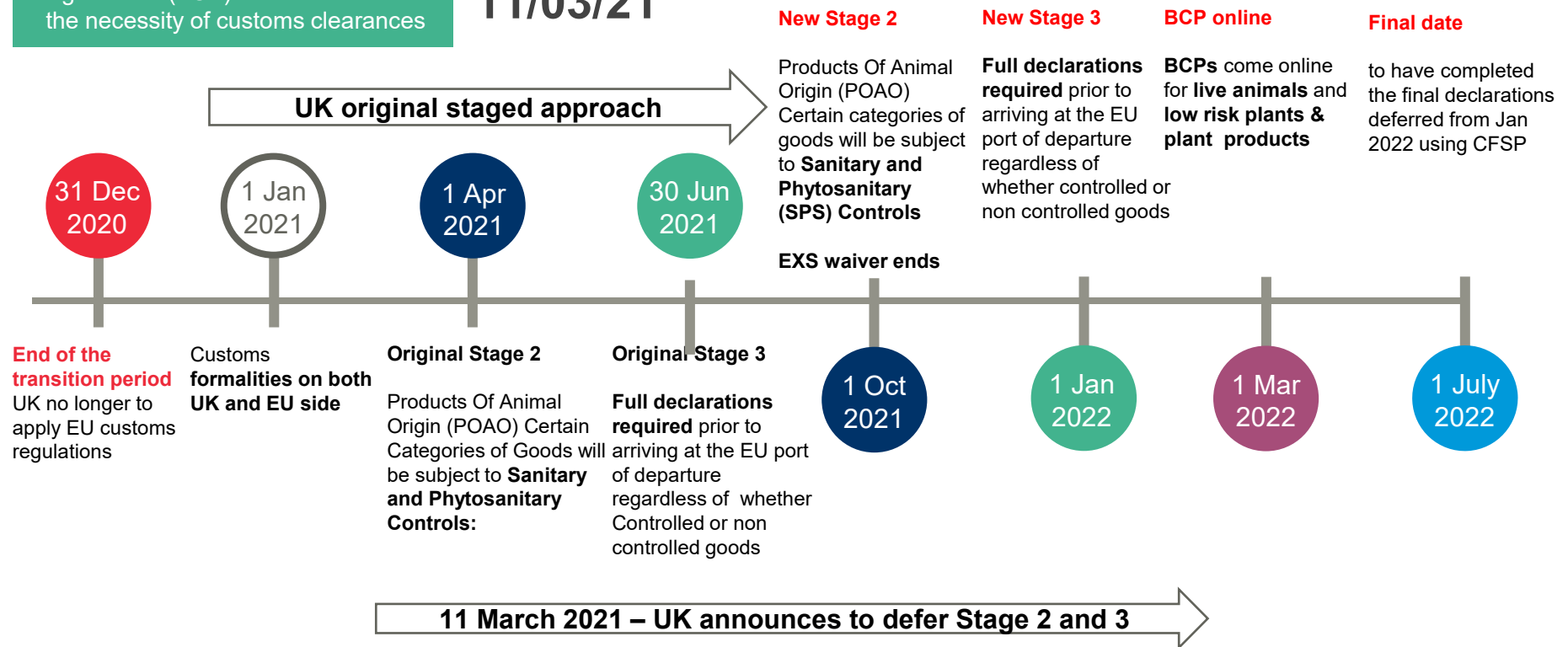
Purpose

- Cooperation on **technical & operational border procedures** with Belgian and UK officials
- Using the rest of 2021 in the most efficient way to prepare Belgian and UK businesses and border operators for the 1 October and 1 January 2022
- Industry associations to suggest areas where specific technical sessions are needed to support their members business models
- Proposed frequency of these meetings:
 - June 2021
 - Sept 2021
 - Early December 2021

UK imports - staged controls

The Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) does not offset the necessity of customs clearances

Staged import controls - UK announcement 11/03/21



Agenda

21) Exchange of views on Customs and Logistics [40 minutes]

- Customs associations (10 minutes)
 - Forward Belgium (BE)
 - British International Freight Association (UK)
- Port industries, transport & logistics (20 mins)
 - UK Major Ports Group (UKMPG) / British Ports Association (BPA)
 - APZI -VOKA
 - Logistics UK
- Plenary session

2) Exchange of views on SPS [20 minutes]

- Food and Drink Associations (10 minutes)
 - UK's Food and Drink Federation (FDF)
 - IMTA
 - APZI-VOKA

Time permitting - a plenary discussion and industry to propose topics for future cooperation

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To be updated

Luke Myers; 30/04/2021

Customs Procedures and Logistics - Introduction

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**Customs
associations**

Dimitri Sérafimoff

Forward Belgium

**Customs
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Pawel Jarza

British International
Freight Association

UK Port industry

Tim Morris

UK Major Ports
Group

UK Port industry

Richard Ballantyne

British Ports
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Logistics sector

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Logistics sector

Sarah Laouadi

Logistics UK

Customs and Logistics session close

Q&A and discussion

Chaired by Raymond Troch



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SPS Procedures - Introduction

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Food Chain

Helena Busby

EU Member States Engagement
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**SPS industry
update**

Luke Hindlaugh

Food and Drink
Federation

**SPS industry
update**

Katie Doherty

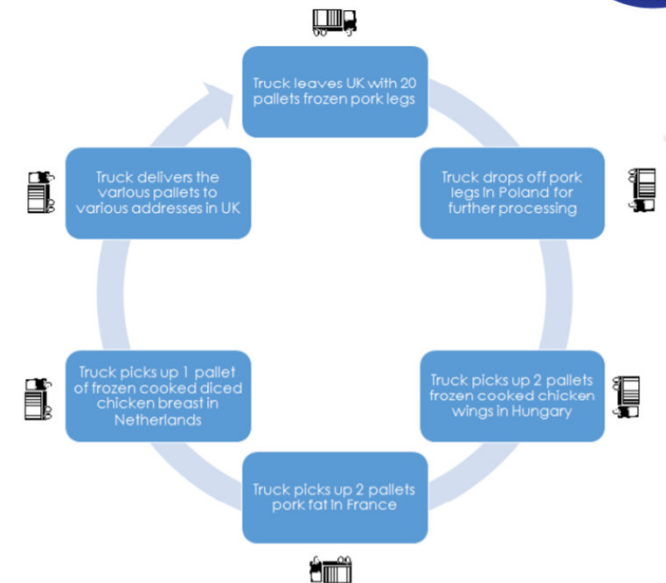
The International
Meat Trade
Association

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Issue	
Groupage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A challenge for importers from EU & exporters to EU alike. • Need mutual solutions inc. with regard to vehicle registration number on the EHC
BCP & certification issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-export of EU fresh meat not permitted by EHC wording • Chilled meat preparations not covered by EHCs • Need for electronic certification in both directions • Certification for exports where multiple establishments involved • Veterinary resource • Pre-notification

Simplified groupage example:



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SPS industry update

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SPS session close

Q&A and discussion

Chaired by Helena Busby

Wrap up and close

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