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Clarification of Triangular Trade Rules for Re – export of Animal By-Products (ABP)

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Purpose

1. To update Certifying Officers with guidance for certifying ABP of Rest of World (RoW) and European Union (EU) origin for re-export to the EU and movement to Northern Ireland (NI).

Background

2. Following discussions with the European Commission, triangular trade rules for movements of ABP to EU and NI have been clarified.
3. Triangular trade is when a product is imported into Great Britain (GB) and then re-exported, for example: France to GB to Germany.
4. This guidance is being updated in line with the EU's current requirements for this type of movement, to avoid rejection of consignments at EU Border Control Posts.

Update on triangular trade

5. This guidance applies to exports to the EU and movements to NI from GB but **does not apply** to movements of retail products to Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme.
6. An ABP, imported from any country to GB, cannot be moved to the EU or NI from GB unless the product has undergone further processing in GB.

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7. An ABP product which is only unloaded, stored, and reloaded, or which is only rewrapped in GB *cannot* be re-exported to the EU or moved to NI outside of the NI Retail Movement Scheme.
8. **Businesses can use the transit procedure to move goods from RoW to NI via GB.** Consignments being moved through the transit procedure are not subject to triangular trade rules.
9. From a sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements perspective, the transit procedure would work as follows:
 - a. For the transit leg of the journey, a consignment is pre-notified on IPAFFS and accompanied by the relevant GB health certificate which can be found on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk).
 - b. The consignment is SPS checked and cleared for transit through GB in accordance with [guidance](#).
 - c. For entry into Northern Ireland, the consignment is pre-notified through TRACES.
 - d. Following transit through GB, the consignment is accompanied by the relevant EU EHC issued at RoW origin and is checked at an Inspection Facility in Northern Ireland.
 - e. Guidance on using transit procedures for customs purposes can be found on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk).

Further information

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