

## Check list:

- ✓ Check if the items you want to move are listed in the CITES species list.
- ✓ Apply for a UK EORI number to trade with the EU.
- ✓ Apply for CITES documentation from the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) as soon as possible. Allow at least 30 days to receive these.
- ✓ Check the requirements for the EU country you are importing from or exporting to on the CITES website. You may need to apply for documents from that country as well. Moving any species controlled under CITES between GB and the EU, and between GB and NI, will need to comply with the same arrangements as those in place for movement between the UK and non-EU countries.
- ✓ Check the list of CITES designated UK points of entry and exit (land, sea, airports and post) for moving CITES-listed animals or plants, or their products.
- ✓ Check your preferred port has Border Control Post (BCP) facilities to carry out any additional sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) controls required for your item.

## Movements between GB and NI

CITES documentation will be required for moving CITES protected species and their products between NI and GB. Arrangements for movements directly between NI and the EU will not change.

Search *CITES* on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for more information.

## What is CITES?

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) provides protection to more than 35,000 species of animals and plants internationally, whether they are traded or moved as live specimens or their parts.

Defra, and the UK Government as a whole, is committed to protecting nature and biodiversity, and continuing to uphold our commitments under CITES.



## Businesses and individuals moving CITES items

Permits will be required to move protected plants and animals between GB and the EU, and between GB and NI.

More than 35,000 CITES-protected species and their products will be affected.

Find out how to prepare, search CITES on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

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# What you need to know

The Transition Period ends on 31 December 2020. CITES items being exported or imported must travel with relevant documentation and use a CITES designated Point of Entry. Documentation must be presented and endorsed by the UK Border Force on entry or exit.

# Where you can find more information

More information can be found in the online guidance:

- Guidance on trading CITES-listed species:  
Search *CITES* on **gov.uk**
- CITES species list:  
Search *Endangered Species* on **gov.uk**
- Designated CITES ports and airports:  
Search *CITES ports airports* on **gov.uk**
- Apply for a CITES permit or Musical Instrument Certificate (MIC):  
Search *CITES permit* on **gov.uk**
- Apply for a Travelling Exhibition Certificate (TEC):  
Search *Travelling Exhibition Certificate* on **gov.uk**
- Apply for a UK EORI number:  
Search *UK EORI number* on **gov.uk**
- Guidance on Border Control Posts and the SPS checks they can carry out:  
Search *UK border control posts* on **gov.uk**
- CITES website for information on the convention internationally: **www.cites.org/eng**

# Moving and trading CITES listed animals, plants and their products

The UK will continue to comply with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

You will need to apply for a permit in order to move your item(s) across the border.

Depending on your specific requirements and circumstances, you may want to apply for a Musical Instrument Certificate (MIC) or Travelling Exhibition Certificate (TEC). Please contact APHA to confirm which document you require.

# What will happen after the Transition Period?

All species of animals and plants listed under CITES will require CITES permits and/or an import notification.

Moving any species controlled under CITES between GB and the EU, and between GB and NI (including via post), will need to comply with the same requirements as those in place for movement between the UK and non-EU countries. Only certain UK land, sea and air ports can be used as points of entry or exit for moving CITES-listed animals or plants, or their products (CITES specimens).

See full list on **gov.uk**.