

# Check list

- Check if the items you want to move between the UK and the EU are listed in the CITES species list.
- Apply for a UK EORI number to continue trading with the EU when the UK leaves the EU.
- Apply for a CITES permit from the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).
- Check the requirements for the EU country you are importing from or exporting to on the CITES website. You may need to apply for a permit from that country as well as the UK. Moving any species controlled under CITES between the UK and the EU will need to comply with the same requirements 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 and air) for trading or moving CITES-listed protected animals or plants, or their products.
- Check your preferred port has Border Inspection Post (BIP) facilities to carry out any additional sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) controls required for your item.

# 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 will continue to uphold the international CITES convention after Brexit.



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**PEOPLE  
MOVING  
GOODS**

**Permits will  
be required to  
move protected  
plants and  
animals  
between the UK  
and the EU**

More than 35,000 CITES-protected species, as well as their products, will require action in order to move between the UK and EU

Find out how to prepare at  
[gov.uk/brexit-cites](https://www.gov.uk/brexit-cites)

# What you need to know

The UK will be leaving the EU on 31 October whatever the circumstances. The Government would prefer to leave with a deal and we will work in an energetic and determined way to get a deal that works for both parties.

# Where you can find more information

More information can be found in the comprehensive Brexit guidance online:

Guidance on trading CITES-listed species: Search 'CITES' at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

CITES species list: Search 'Endangered Species' at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

Designated CITES ports and airports: Search 'CITES ports airports' at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

Apply for a CITES permit or Musical Instrument Certificate (MIC): Search CITES permit on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

Apply for a Travelling Exhibition Certificate (TEC): Search Travelling Exhibition Certificate on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

Apply for a UK EORI number: Search UK EORI number on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

CITES website for information on the convention internationally: [www.cites.org/eng](http://www.cites.org/eng)

Check sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measure requirements in addition to CITES: Search BIP on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

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

After Brexit, 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 after Brexit.

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 the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) to confirm which document you require.

# What will happen after Brexit?

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 the UK and the EU (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 trading or moving CITES-listed protected animals or plants, or their products (CITES specimens).

See full list on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).