



Goods journey under the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS) in TSS

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NORTHERN IRELAND RETAIL MOVEMENT SCHEME (NIRMS) OVERVIEW

What?

NIRMS is a new scheme for businesses that move prepacked [retail goods such as food, drink, cut flowers and pet food](#) from Great Britain (GB) into Northern Ireland (NI). Users of the scheme will benefit from [simplified arrangements](#).

When?

The NIRMS scheme started on 1 October 2023. To benefit from the scheme, any business sending goods to NI, or receiving goods from GB that will be sold to the final consumer in NI, needs to be [registered](#) for the scheme now.

BEFORE SIGNING UP:

Consignor

- Create a Defra [Government Gateway](#) account
- Register for an [Export Health Certificate](#) online
- Register for [TRACES-NT](#)
- Obtain a [Food Business Operator](#) (FBO) number

Consignee

- Register for [TRACES-NT](#)*
- Register for the [Common Health Entry Document \(CHED\) Operator Portal](#) (CHOP)

ONCE AUTHORISED, FOR EACH MOVEMENT:

As Consignor (GB Sender)



- Create a consignment packing list
- Seal consignments
- Complete the [General Certificate](#) (GC)
- Send the GC to the NI receiver
- Notify the haulier of goods movements

As Consignee (NI Receiver)



- Submit a Common Health Entry Document (CHED) in TRACES-NT
- Submit a photograph of the seal and channelling via CHOP

As Haulier



- Seal the consignment (if instructed)
- Create a Goods Movement Reference and monitor for inspection
- Attend a DAERA inspection facility (if required)

*based on commercial agreement between Consignor and Consignee



RETAIL MOVEMENTS END TO END JOURNEY UNDER NORTHERN IRELAND RETAIL MOVEMENT SCHEME (NIRMS)

Before departure of goods in GB

GB ports

On board

NI ports

After arrival of goods in NI



**GB sender
(Consignor)**

Check the [labeling requirements](#)

Pack and seal the Consignment

Create a consignment packing list

Share commercial information with the haulier

Complete a [General Certificate](#) (GC) for the consignment

Send the GC and packing list to the NI receiver after the GC is certified

Haulier

Submit an Entry Summary Declaration using commercial information

Obtain a Goods Movement Reference (GMR) via TSS or GVMS

Load and seal the consignments

Present the truck to the *DAERA contractor for seal inspection

Check in the GMR at the port and board the ferry

Check on GVMS if inspection is required at SPS DAERA facilities

Attend the DAERA facility if required

**NI receiver
(Consignee)**

Receive a GC and packing list

Complete pre-notification of movement on TRACES-NT, attaching the GC and packing list at least 4 hours prior to the arrival

Subject to commercial agreement, the Consignor or Consignee completes a Supplementary Declaration using NIRMS waiver codes and NIRMS authorisation number

The Consignor or Consignee may be able to benefit from the customs 'green lane' and therefore be 'not at risk' for tariff purposes

Take a seal photo and unload the consignment

Send channeling check to DAERA within 48 hours after arrival in NI

Departure of goods

Ferry departure

Ferry arrival

Arrival of goods

*DAERA contractor takes photo of seal at port of departure and uploads to CHOP



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