



GUIDANCE FOR COMPETITORS ON TEMPORARY IMPORT/EXPORT REQUIREMENTS

Overview

Competitors transporting goods, equipment, or materials into and out of the United Kingdom for events must ensure full compliance with UK temporary import and export regulations. Proper preparation helps avoid delays at the border and ensures that all items can be moved efficiently and legally.

Temporary Import/Export Regulations

- Competitors should review the most up-to-date temporary import and export requirements before travelling.
- Relevant regulatory information is available through:
 - The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)
 - The Forestry Commission - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-or-export-wood-packaging-material>
- These sources provide essential guidance on the movement of goods, plant materials, **wooden packaging**, and other regulated items.

ISPM 15 Compliance for Crates

- All wooden crates, pallets, and packaging used to transport goods must meet **ISPM 15** standards.
- ISPM 15-compliant materials are heat-treated or fumigated and bear the appropriate international mark - The rules do not apply to processed, non solid WPM like plywood, raw wood that's 6mm thick or less, barrels for wines and spirits or gift boxes made from processed wood, sawdust, shavings or cardboard (as packing material).
- Non-compliant wooden packaging may be refused entry, destroyed, or require costly treatment at the border.

Temporary Admission Application - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-goods-to-the-uk-or-eu-temporarily>

- Competitors are strongly advised to apply for **Temporary Admission** for their goods.
- Temporary Admission allows eligible items to enter the UK without payment of customs duty or import VAT, provided they are re-exported within the permitted timeframe.
- Applications should be completed in advance to ensure smooth processing.

Border Stamping Requirements

- Temporary Admission documents must be **stamped on entry into the UK**.
- The same documents must be **stamped again on exit** to confirm that the goods have left the country.
- Failure to obtain the required stamps may result in charges or complications with customs authorities.

Summary

Competitors should:

- Review APHA and Forestry Commission guidance.
- Ensure all crates and wooden packaging meet ISPM 15 standards.
- Apply for Temporary Admission for goods.
- Present documents for stamping on both entry and exit.

Proper preparation ensures compliance with UK regulations and helps avoid unnecessary delays or penalties.