

## **Welsh Government Stakeholder Update - Moving Goods through Welsh Ports from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.**

Welsh Government has been working with port operators, ferry operators, trade associations, local authorities, UK government and other stakeholders over recent months to mitigate and minimise disruption to the ports and to local communities.

### **Moving goods between the UK and the EU**

If you are planning a freight journey, please ensure that you have received all the necessary paperwork from your client, that you have completed any declarations required and please give your ferry company all the information that they require before you get to the port.

Hauliers will be required to go through customs checks when exporting goods to the EU from the UK. It is the responsibility of traders to apply and obtain the right paperwork for the goods hauliers are carrying. The UK government has provided hauliers with a handbook which sets out how they can prepare themselves, their vehicles and their goods so that they can continue to travel freely.

Hauliers may also be required to go to an Inland border facility, which are UK Government sites operational from 1 January 2021, where customs and document checks can take place away from port locations.

Please visit the following links and make sure you have completed all the necessary steps to transport goods between Great Britain and the EU:

[Carry out international road haulage from 1 January 2021](#) on GOV.UK

[Transport goods out of the UK by road: step by step](#) on GOV.UK

[Attending an Inland Border Facility](#) on GOV.UK

For traffic management information around the ports, please visit [Traffic Wales](#)

### **Moving goods to Ireland through Welsh Ports**

Goods moving from Welsh ports into Ireland will required a Pre-Boarding Notification (PBN) Identification Number to from 1 January 2021. Without a valid number, hauliers will be turned away from the port.

The Irish Revenue has developed the Customs Roll-On Roll-Off Service (RoRo Service) which will be available from 1 January 2021. The Customs RoRo Service will provide a range of services to facilitate the movement and control of goods and vehicles when moved by scheduled ferry between Ireland and Great Britain.

The services available on the RoRo System will consist of three complementary functions:

- Pre-Boarding Notification (PBN)
- Customs Channel Look-up
- Customs Check-in

More information is available on the Irish Revenue website:

[Documents hauliers need when travelling to Irish ports \(customs Roll-on-Roll off service\)](#) on revenue.ie

## **Port of Holyhead**

Holyhead port is the key entry and exit point for goods transported between the UK and Ireland. It is the second busiest roll-on roll-off ferry port in the UK and provides a vital link in the supply chain for businesses across Wales, the UK and Ireland.

New customs arrangements require freight customers bound for Ireland to link customs information to their booking. If they arrive without the correct documentation, they won't be able to enter the port.

To minimise disruption from the 28 December, The Welsh Government will be introducing a temporary contraflow on the A55 between Junction 2 – 4 eastbound. This will be in place from December 28 ready for use from January 1.

This plan ensures that HGVs can be safely stacked on the A55 and allow local people and businesses to continue their daily lives with as little inconvenience as possible. It will also ensure lorry drivers have a safe and secure place with access to welfare facilities to prepare their documents and become port ready.

HGV drivers should make sure they have provided their ferry operator with the required customs information before arriving at the port. They should head straight to check-in where, if they have done everything required, they will be able to enter the port and board their ferry as normal. If not, they will be asked to turn around and

leave the port. They should head to junction 4 of the A55, where they will be able to join the westbound carriageway and make arrangements to become 'port ready'.

Please check the [Traffic Wales website](#) for traffic updates before you travel.

For Traffic Management Plans please read:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) on Traffic Wales

[Holyhead Port: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Moving goods through the Port of Holyhead with an ATA Carnet](#) on GOV.UK

### **Information Site for hauliers: Roadking, Holyhead**

The UK government's Department of Transport has opened an advice site for hauliers and drivers of heavy goods vehicles. Those transporting goods to Dublin can visit the site located at Roadking Services in Holyhead in-person to obtain advice and to check their documentation is correct. However, please note that these services will not be able to ensure your PBN number is correct, and you should ensure this is the case via the Irish Revenue's online system.

## **Ports of Fishguard and Pembroke Dock**

Pembrokeshire County Council has been co-ordinating and arranging the provision of lorry parking space for the freight vehicles which will arrive at the Fishguard and Pembroke Dock ports without the required documentation from the 1st January.

The council is providing space for heavy goods vehicles to park away from the ports while they obtain the correct paperwork in order for them to continue their onward journeys on Irish Ferries and Stena Line to Rosslare.

To ensure this process is carried out safely away from the ports, space for lorry parking will be provided at:

- Fishguard: The Hall Brothers Transport Ltd, Wern Road, Goodwick;
- Bridge Innovation Centre, Overflow Car Park

## **Information Centre for hauliers: Pont Abraham Services**

The Information and advice site offers hauliers one-to-one training with trained staff about the new customs procedures changes and to test whether they have completed relevant paperwork to proceed to the ports. However, please note that these services will not be able to ensure your PBN number is correct, and you should ensure this the case via the Irish Revenue's online system.