



**HM Revenue
& Customs**

Update on future customs infrastructure arrangements at Sevington and Holyhead Inland Border Facilities (IBFs)

Dear stakeholder,

We wanted to provide an update on planning for the future provision of customs infrastructure at locations currently served by the Sevington and Holyhead Inland Border Facilities (IBFs).

As you know, government-funded IBFs were introduced as a temporary measure following the UK's exit from the European Union to ensure customs checks could continue where border locations did not have sufficient infrastructure in place. The government's long-standing intention has been to transition to the model used elsewhere across the UK border, where border locations provide the infrastructure needed to support customs and border processes.

Sevington IBF

We expect customs checks undertaken through Sevington IBF to transition to alternative locations provided by the Port of Dover and Getlink, who operate Eurotunnel, from early 2027, although the exact timing remains subject to final confirmation.

This also means from early 2027, facilities to start and end transit movements will no longer be provided at Sevington. Traders will need to use the facilities provided by the border locations, use the services of an Authorised Consignor or Consignee on a commercial basis, or use the transit simplification process to start or end a transit movement at their or their client's location. Traders should visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) for more information on the transit simplification process.

Transit facilities will be provided by the Port of Dover for goods entering and leaving the UK through the Port of Dover, and Getlink's existing transit facilities will remain in operation. The Port of Dover and Getlink have confirmed they will provide traders with further information on their plans in the coming weeks.

Sevington Border Control Post, where Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) checks are undertaken, is not affected by this change and will remain operational until further notice.

Holyhead IBF

At Holyhead, our intended approach remains that customs checks will transition from the current IBF arrangements to infrastructure provided by the port operator within Holyhead Port from early 2027. Work to establish the detailed arrangements and implementation timetable is continuing.

What this means for IBF users

There are no immediate changes to existing customs processes or requirements.

Customers should continue to use Sevington and Holyhead IBFs and follow existing customs processes exactly as they do today until further notice.

What happens next?

Alongside our ongoing engagement with representative bodies and businesses, we encourage stakeholders to engage with the relevant operators as plans develop. Border locations will play an important role in delivering future customs infrastructure arrangements and, over time, will be best placed to provide information on how their services and facilities will operate.

HMRC will continue to work closely with border locations and industry to support the transition and provide updates as arrangements are confirmed.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

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