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Common User Charge & Port Health Charges

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What are the charges?

Port Health (PH) charges and the Common User Charge (CUC) are fees applied to the import of regulated goods into the UK, including food, plants, animal products, and other items subject to health and biosecurity controls.

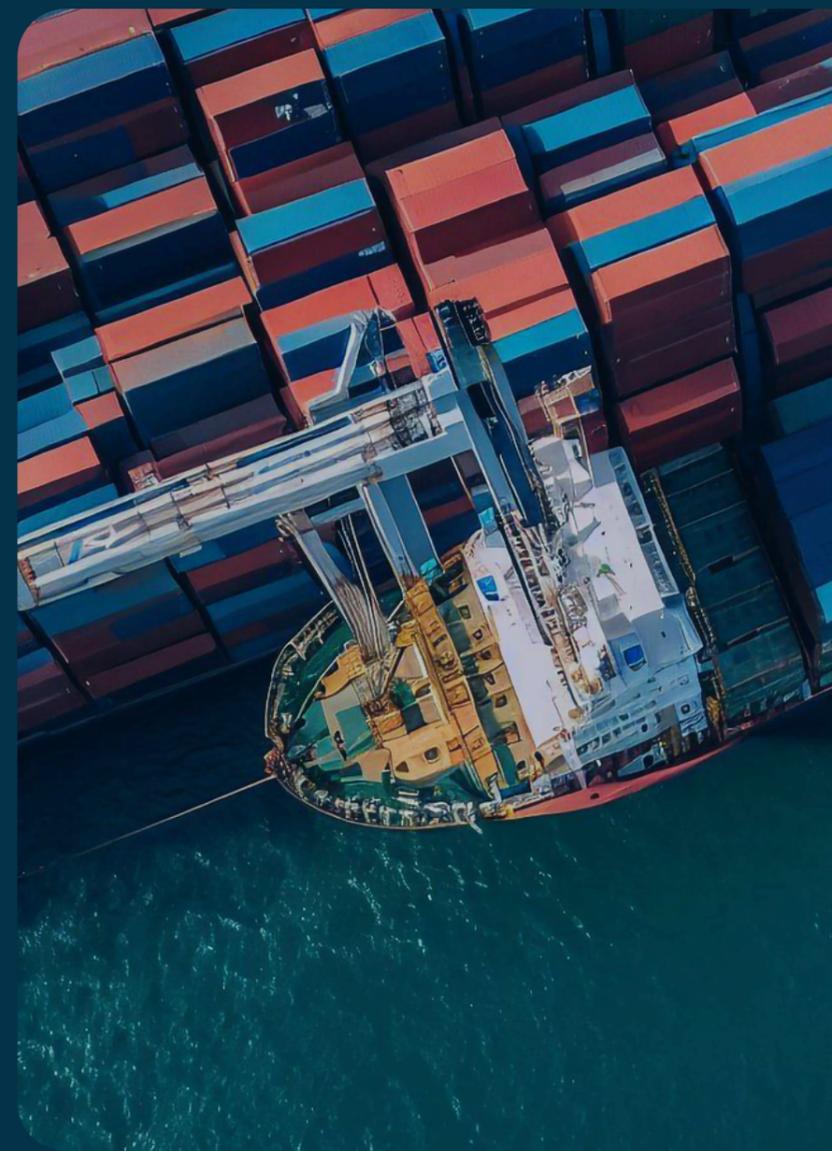
Port Health Charges Explained

Port Health Charges cover the cost of inspections, testing, and certification conducted by Port Health Authorities to ensure imported goods comply with public health, safety, and environmental standards.

This includes:

- Verifying Export Health Certificates
- Inspecting consignments
- Taking samples for laboratory testing
- Confirming compliance with animal and plant health regulations

Charges are typically applied per consignment or based on the weight or volume of goods, helping to safeguard consumers, agriculture, and the environment.





Common User Charge (CUC)

The CUC, set by DEFRA, is a standardised administrative fee applied to imports via Dover or Eurotunnel to cover operational costs of Sevington IBF, which serves multiple importers and exporters.

Unlike Port Health charges, which vary across the UK, the CUC only applies to Channel imports.

How Charges Are Calculated

- Port Health charges → usually determined by risk category and gross weight of the consignment
- CUC charges → set by risk category, number of different commodity codes, and species, rather than weight



Why They Matter

Together, Port Health and CUC charges:

- Ensure all imports meet UK regulatory requirements for public health, animal, and plant safety
- Fund inspections, laboratory testing, and certification processes carried out by Port Health Authorities
- Support the operational infrastructure at facilities like Sevington IBF, enabling secure and efficient handling of goods
- Help protect consumers, UK agriculture, and the environment by reducing the risk of disease, pests, and non-compliant goods entering the country

