

Humber Border Control Posts

Common User Charge

2025



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In April 2024, the UK government introduced documentary and risk-based identity and physical checks on certain commodities deemed to present a medium and high risk to the UK. Checks will take place at UK ports, including those operated by ABP.

UK Government have:

- Introduced documentary and risk-based identity and physical checks on medium risk animal products, plants, plant products and high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin from the EU.
- Moved existing inspections of high-risk plants and plant products from the EU destination to Border Control Posts (BCPs)
- Simplified the checking of certain lower risk products from non-EU countries.

Full details are provided within The Border Target Operating Model, published in August 2023 which can be viewed by clicking on the following link [Final Border Target Operating Model.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

At the direction of UK Government, ABP has constructed two Border Control Posts (“**BCPs**”), at its Ports of Hull and Immingham, which meet the high degree of specification required by the statutory bodies that will be operating within them. Unlike many other ports, Trading Standards, Food Standards Agency, Forestry Commission & Border Force will also be accommodated alongside Port Health and Animal Plant Health Authority (**APHA**), in these facilities.

- Hull BCP –
 - Port of Hull – Border Control Post, North Road, King George Dock, Hull, HU9 5PR.
01472 359181 / 01482 529821 [Hull 2022 \(abports.co.uk\)](#)
- Immingham & Grimsby BCP –
 - Port of Immingham – Border Control Post, Liddell Way, Immingham, DN40 1QW.
01472 359181 / 01482 529832 [Immingham 2022 \(abports.co.uk\)](#)
 - (From 30 April 2024, the BCP will be located at Immingham. The existing BCP at Grimsby – operated by North East Lincolnshire Council – will close around this time and all inspections will be transferred to Immingham.)

All BCPs are staffed by Government inspectors undertaking checks and inspections; ABP staff will manage the facility on behalf of the various statutory bodies.

In order to recover our construction expenditure and the considerable ongoing running costs and maintenance of these facilities, we will be introducing a new Port BCP charge as outlined below:

From the 30th of April 2024, all import laden containers and trailers (of any type) will be levied a charge of £12.72 per unit. (Common User Charge / CUC) **Please note; this includes, if called to the BCP, labour to open the trailer or container, remove cargo for inspection and re-stow the cargo post inspection.**

Additional charges, as listed below, will only be applicable if the cargo has fallen, or in the opinion of ABP it has been loaded unsafely and additional work to carry out a full Restow, HandBall or Rework is required.

- The charge will be reviewed annually, considering laden container and trailer volumes, and associated running costs of the two facilities.
- Additional charges, as may be applicable, are shown below. This is not an exhaustive list, and ABP reserves the right to review on a case-by-case basis.

Operation / Service if required	Description	Charge + VAT
ABP Operations shunting	Shunting to and from BCP (HCT/ICT)	Please contact the terminals directly to obtain current charge
Full Restow (Trailer / Container)	Includes labour & consumables	£190.60
HandBall (Trailer / Container)	Includes labour & consumables	£690.48
Rework (Per Pallet)	Includes labour & consumables	£ 54.29

All other waste and / or ancillary charges will be dealt with on an as required basis, applied by the relevant Statutory Body, Port Health or APHA.

These additional charges will be levied by **MCP Destin 8** to the nominated agent or 'Declarant' <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-an-import-declaration-in-your-records> and will be due for payment within 28 days of invoice.

All activities conducted at ABP's ports in connection with the BCPs and all other customs-related activities, obligations and liabilities shall be governed by and in accordance with ABP's Standard Terms and Conditions of Trade which can be found [here](#). The Customer's attention is particularly drawn to Condition 4A: Customs.

There are some subtle changes to the charging process dependent upon users of **GVMS**, <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-for-the-goods-vehicle-movement-service> ; however applicable charges will still apply, as will payment terms. Contact your shipping line or carrier for more information.

Important points to remember:

- All goods must be fully cleared to enter into free circulation by all relevant Government authorities before they leave our Ports – there are severe statutory penalties for wrongly allowing goods to enter free circulation, including failure to attend a BCP if required to do so.
- If your cargo is called to the BCP, it must be presented at the BCP before leaving the port location – this may involve documentary checks and/or physical inspection of cargo. It is advisable to inform your haulier that there may be a delay whilst checks and/or inspections are being undertaken.
- In some cases, a third party will make arrangements to present the cargo at the relevant BCP; it is vitally important you ensure this happens, as ABP assumes no responsibility in this regard.
- Some ABP BCP's can only be accessed using public highways – you must ensure that all haulage vehicles are road-legal at these locations.
- BCP opening times are 06.00 – 22.00, 7 days a week, at the Ports of Hull & Immingham.
- It is your responsibility to contact Border Force to obtain their operating hours. (0844 556 9344)
- ABP's ports do not support the use of Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) notifications (save where exceptional easements have been granted in respect of particular terminals) – this is because ABP's ports operate under the Temporary Storage Model.

Whilst we regret the implementation of this process we are obliged to adhere to the regulations and, in turn, ask our valued customers to do so as well.