

## Courtesy translation

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, since 1st January 2021, has led to the implementation of health controls on animals and their products coming from Great Britain.

France is in the front line due to its geographical position and carries out a very significant number of controls, the majority of which concern goods destined for Member States other than France. Every week, more than 2,500 consignments are checked at the eight border control posts in Dunkirk, Calais (Port and Tunnel), Dieppe, Le Havre, Caen-Ouistreham, Cherbourg, St-Malo and Roscoff and the flows are still increasing steadily.

More than 300 inspectors have already been recruited and trained to carry out veterinary and phytosanitary controls on these 8 sites. However, we are facing a difficulty in recruiting official veterinarians.

The recruitment of official veterinarians is essential for carrying out controls on live animals and certain products of animal origin. Up to now, around sixty official veterinarians have been recruited, i.e. a little more than half of the target number of staff to ensure optimal operation of the border control posts concerned on the Channel-North Sea coast.

To deal with this unprecedented situation, France has taken exceptional measures to recruit official veterinarians who are not French nationals to carry out health checks on products and animals from the United Kingdom.

For this reason, I have the honor to ask for your support in relaying this offer to recruit veterinarians in the Hauts-de-France, Normandy and Brittany regions to the veterinary profession in your country, through representatives of the profession, veterinary faculties or any other intermediary that you consider appropriate.

You will find attached a job advertisement containing the main informations to be communicated to veterinarians who would be interested in official import control missions in French border control posts.

I thank you in advance for the support you will be able to give us.