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Draft Target Operating Model

20th of June – MAWG Meeting

The UK Government's draft border Target Operating Model

- Simplified, risk-based system of biosecurity controls at the border for imports into Great Britain:
- Tailored to the specific risks faced by the UK's agri-food industry and natural environment
- Implemented in a phased approach
- Providing certainty for businesses
- Applies to both EU and non-EU exporters into GB

A global, risk-based model for imports into GB

- Animals, animal products, plants and plant products that are subject to biosecurity import controls will be categorised:
- **High risk**
- **Medium risk**
- **Low risk**
- Based on the inherent risk (high, medium or low) that the commodity poses to food safety and biosecurity combined with any specific risk from the country of origin.
- Information on risk categories for animals and animal products and plant and plant products for EU exports to Great Britain are now available, together with pre-notification, certification and inspection requirements.

Categories for non-EU animals and animal product imports will be published in Summer 2023.

TOM risk categories for animal and animal product imports from the EU to Great Britain: searchable list with commodity codes

Search by commodity code

Type the 10 digit commodity code in cell B3 and press enter. The risk category will appear in cell A5. You can only search for one commodity at a time.

Search:

Risk category

Commodity code

Commodity description

Comments

No records found.

[Import risk categories for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain, from 31 October 2023 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/import-risk-categories-for-animals-and-animal-products-imported-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-from-31-october-2023)
(www.gov.uk)

Changes to biosecurity controls from 31 October 2023 that affect EU exports to Great Britain

- **High-risk live animals** exported from the EU to GB will continue to require prenotification, EHCs and checks.
- **Medium-risk animal products:** Export Health Certificates will be required for EU exports to GB.
- **Low-risk animal products:** prenotification of EU exports to GB will continue but EHCs will not be required.
- **High-risk plants and plant products** will continue to require pre-notification, a Phytosanitary Certificate and checks.
- **Medium-risk plants and plant products:** Phytosanitary Certificates (PCs) will be required for EU exports to GB.
- **Low risk plants and plant products** will not require prenotification or PCs for EU exports to GB.

Streamlined EHCs for EU exports of animal products into GB are now available. To support trade and certifiers we will expand and develop the existing facility to use digital certification.

Health Certificate Example

Model health certificate for composite products intended for human consumption (COMP)
GBHC440 v1.0 Apr-23

Part I. Details of dispatched consignment					
I.1 Consignor Name: Address: Tel:		I.2 Certificate reference no. I.2.a Not in use		I.3 Central competent authority I.4 Local competent authority	
I.5 Consignee Name: Address: Tel:			I.6 Not in use		
I.7 Country of origin	ISO code	I.8 Region of origin	Code	I.9 Country of destination	ISO code
I.11 Place of origin Name: Approval number: Address: Name: Approval number: Address: Name:				I.10 Not in use I.12 Not in use	

Phytosanitary Certificate Example

1. Name and address of exporter		2. REFORWARDING PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE [No. EC/ / /]	
3. Declared name and address of consignee		4. Plant Protection Organisation of to Plant Protection Organisation(s) of	
		5. Place of origin	
6. Declared means of conveyance			
7. Declared point of entry			
8. Distinguishing marks: number and description; name of produce; botanical name of plants		9. Quantity declared	
10. This is to certify — that the plants or plant products described above were imported into (country of re-export) from (country of origin) covered by Phytosanitary Certificate No. * <input type="checkbox"/> original <input type="checkbox"/> certified true copy of which is attached to this Certificate, that they are * <input type="checkbox"/> packed <input type="checkbox"/> repacked in <input type="checkbox"/> original <input type="checkbox"/> new containers, — that based on the * <input type="checkbox"/> original Phytosanitary Certificate and <input type="checkbox"/> additional inspection, they are considered to conform with the current Phytosanitary regulations of the importing country, and — that during storage in (country of re-export) the consignment has not been subjected to the risk of infestation or infection. * Insert tick in the appropriate boxes.			
11. Additional declaration			

Changes to biosecurity controls from 31 January 2024 that affect EU exports to Great Britain

- **High risk animals:** checks will move to Border Control Posts (BCPs) throughout 2024 as infrastructure readiness allows.
- **Medium risk animal products:** 100% documentary checks, and 1% - 30% indicative physical and ID checks to take place at GB Border Control Posts (BCPs) for EU exports to GB.
- **Low-risk animal products:** prenotification of EU exports to GB will continue but EHCs will not be required.
- Inspections of **high-risk plants and plant products** will move from destination to BCPs and/or Control Points for EU exports to GB.
- **Medium-risk plants and plant products:** risk-based documentary, physical and ID checks to take place at GB BCPs and Control Points for EU exports to GB.
- **Low risk plants and plant products will not require prenotification or PCs for EU exports to GB.**

Pilots to begin for trusted trader schemes for animal products and authorised operator status for plants and plant products.

From 31 January 2024, low risk animals and animal products exported to GB from non-EU countries will no longer need an EHC. Low risk plants and plant products exported to GB from non-EU countries will not require pre-notification or a Phytosanitary Certificate. Occasional intelligence-led spot checks may apply.

Trusted Trader Schemes

- Pilots for trusted trader schemes and Authorised Operator Status (plants and plant products) start from **January 2024** - expression of interest to join the schemes opens in **Summer 2023**.
- Pilots will aim to provide assurance that schemes maintain equivalent levels of biosecurity, animal and public health safety, to national and international standards.

Frequent importers of medium-risk animal products and animal by-products - Accredited Trusted Trader Scheme

- The scheme will reduce the need for routine physical checks at the Border Control Posts by allowing members to take responsibility for carrying out routine checks and sampling to ensure the protection of biosecurity, animal and public health whilst being closely regulated by government.
- Co-design approach aims to build upon industry practices in developing requirements for assurances, and understanding which facilitations meet differing business models.

Authorised Operator Status

Plants and plant products

- for commercial operators at any stage of supply chain.
- UK-registered commercial operators will be authorised as competent to perform risk-based import physical and identity checks on their imports provided they meet the criteria of the authorisation including their premises being designated Control Point.
- Report their inspection results to the relevant plant health authority.

ATTS Modular Approach*

Products of animal origin (POAO)

- Based off of feedback we have received, we have looked at exploring a more flexible approach, developing one scheme for all.
- There will be minimum requirements to be a trusted trader, as well as a set of benefits, each with specific requirements to be met to obtain these.
- Trusted Traders could apply for one or more benefits as long as they meet the specific criteria.
- Additional benefits could be built up over time by a trader.
- Flexible model - additional benefits could be added as they are developed/ piloted.
- Instead of a stand-alone technology scheme, we are looking to pilot a technology benefit which if successful would form part of this approach.

****This is not Government policy. We are looking to explore this idea and gain feedback before pursuing it further.***

Delivering a digital border

The UK Government is working with industry and inspectors to reduce friction at the border and lower administrative burden by:

- Developing digital solutions to paper certificates – for example ePhyto certificates
- Delivering a Single Trade Window, allowing UK importers to submit information once, in one place.

The UK Government is also looking into the possibility of allowing PDF certificates to be sent to your GB importer instead of the original travelling with the consignment. We will provide more details soon on this.

Other import requirements

The border TOM does not propose changing controls that stem from specific aspects of UK legislation or our membership of international conventions:

- Convention for the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Timber
- Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU)

There will be a separate update on the Certificate of Inspections for organic goods entering GB from the EU, European Economic Area and Switzerland.

Common User Charge Consultation

- The UK government has begun a four-week period of consultation on the proposed methodology and rates of the Common User Charge (CUC) for government-run Border Control Posts (BCPs). In the recently published draft Target Operating Model, the UK government outlined its plan to charge for eligible sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) consignments. The charge would recover operating costs for government-run Border Control Posts (BCPs).
- We invite all European Exporters to participate in the consultation to ensure we are able to take into account their feedback regarding the intention to administer a single CUC for eligible SPS consignments at government-run BCPs serving the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel Le Shuttle.
- This consultation is running from **12/06/2023** to **09/07/2023**. Responses should be received by no later than **23:59** on **09/07/2023**. We ask for stakeholders' responses on [Citizen Space consultation site](#) or via the [GOV.UK page](#). If traders are unable to use Citizen Space, they can download the consultation documents and return responses via email to BCPcharging@defra.gov.uk

Take action now

- Work with your UK importer or agent to check the risk categories for your products.:
 - Animals and animal products: [Import risk categories for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain, from 31 October 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-risk-categories-for-animals-and-animal-products-imported-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-from-31-october-2023)
 - Plants and plant products: [TOM risk categorisations - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://defra.gov.uk/tom-risk-categorisations)
- Join Defra's webinars which will be running throughout the Summer:
[UK Border Target Operating Model webinar series | Eventbrite](#)
- If your products are in the medium-risk category, review the Phytosanitary Certificates (for medium-risk plants and plant products), and EHCs (for medium-risk animal products). Reach out early to your local competent authorities/official veterinarians and plant health inspectors.
- Prepare now for the changes coming on **31 October 2023**.

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