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Border Target Operating Model Milestone – SPS Import Controls

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BTOM Milestones



31 January 2024

30 April 2024

From 31 October 2024

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BTOM

1 A new global risk-based approach



Pre-notification

2 Simplified and digitised health certificates



Health Certification

3 Trusted Trader Schemes

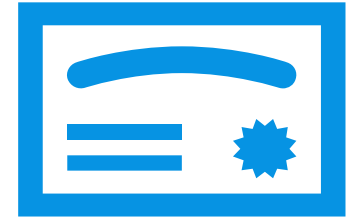


Identity and Physical Checks

From 31 January 2024



Introduction of **health certification** on imports from the EU/EFTA of **medium risk animal products** and the EU, Lichtenstein and Switzerland of **medium risk plants and plant products**.



Introduction of **health certification** on imports from the EU/EFTA of **high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin**



What do you need to do?



1 Know your risk category

2 Be ready for health certificates

3 Be ready to pre-notify

**LOW RISK
GOODS**

Pre-notification (except low-risk plant and plant products)
No certification
No routine checks

From 2nd milestone:
Must enter GB via BCP or Control Point

**MEDIUM
RISK
GOODS**

Pre-notification
Health certification (EHC/PC)

From 2nd milestone:
Risk-based checks at a BCP or CP

**HIGH RISK
GOODS**

Pre-notification
Health certification (EHC/PC)

From 2nd milestone:
100% checks at BCP or CP

Risk categories



Step 1. Find out the commodity code of your product

Trade Tariff: look up commodity codes, duty and VAT rates

Use this service to find a commodity code for goods you're importing to or exporting from the UK.

You can also use the service to:

- check if there's duty or VAT to pay
- find out about suspensions or reductions

You'll need a commodity code when you fill in a customs declaration form, so you pay the correct amount of tax and duties.

Start now >

[Trade Tariff: look up commodity codes, duty and VAT rates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trade-tariff-look-up-commodity-codes-duty-and-vat-rates)

Step 2. Check the risk category of your product on gov.uk

All Risk Categories (EU/Non-EU – All Commodity Types)

[Import risk categories for animals, animal products, plants and plant products - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-risk-categories-for-animals-animal-products-plants-and-plant-products)

Plant and Plant Products Risk Categories for EU Countries

[TOM risk categorisations - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/plant-health/tom-risk-categorisations)

Animals and Animal Products Risk Categories for EU Countries


[Check import risk categories and related rules for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain, from 31 January 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-import-risk-categories-and-related-rules-for-animals-and-animal-products-imported-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-from-31-january-2024)

Animals and Animal Products Risk Categories for EU Countries: Searchable List with Commodity Codes


[Import risk categories for animal and animal product imports from the EU to Great Britain: searchable list with commodity codes](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-risk-categories-for-animal-and-animal-product-imports-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-searchable-list-with-commodity-codes)

Health Certification for Animal Products

From 31 January 2024

 GB authorities encourage the use of a **digitally signed and verifiable GB export health certificate (EHC)** in place of the paper version of the certificate. We will accept verifiable PDF certificates from TRACES and [other EU/EFTA MS systems listed on GOV UK](#).

Steps to take for the Exporter

 must create the EHC in the system, ensure it has been digitally signed by the competent authority in the exporting country and download the EHC as a PDF format document.

 needs to send the PDF to the person submitting the import notification so that it can be attached to the notification.

Where a verifiable PDF certificate cannot be provided by the EU or EFTA country exporting the goods, and a paper copy is used, a scanned copy must be uploaded to IPAFFS and the competent authority must send the original paper certificate to accompany the consignment.

Health Certification for Plant Products



A PC is a **certificate** from an exporting country's **competent authority (CA)** that shows the plants or plant products has been **officially inspected and meets the import phytosanitary requirements for entry into GB**. We are currently in the process of rolling out of ePhyto for EU MS.

Steps to take for Exporters

Step 1: Clarify CA Process



Each CA has different requirements for how to obtain a PC so you will need to check your country's process.

You can find out who your CA is by visiting the IPPC website (International Plant Protection Convention) - [Countries - International Plant Protection Convention \(ippc.int\)](https://www.ippc.int)

Step 2: Getting the PC signed by CA

The CA will sign the PC if:



has been officially inspected



Meets import requirements for entry into GB



Free from pests and diseases

Additional Support for Traders

Animal Products

Export Health Certificate Leaflet



This leaflet is for businesses:

- in Great Britain that import live animals and animal products from the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland
- in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland that export live animals and animal products to Great Britain

It explains:

- what a health certificate is
- how to get one
- what you need to do with it

Guidance on how to complete a health certificate

[How to complete a health certificate to export animals and animal products to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/how-to-complete-a-health-certificate-to-export-animals-and-animal-products-to-great-britain)

Model health certificates for Animals and Animal Products

[Model health certificates for exports of live animals and animal products to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/model-health-certificates-for-exports-of-live-animals-and-animal-products-to-great-britain)

Join Defra Online Training Sessions

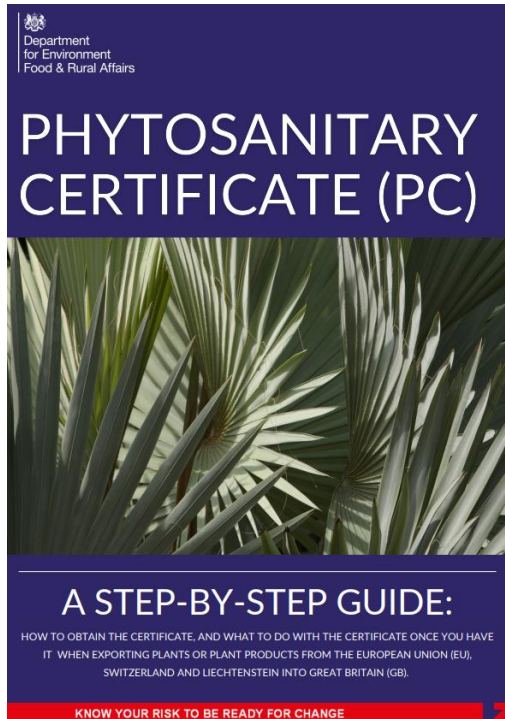
[The BTOM: What are the SPS Border Controls? | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-btom-what-are-the-sps-border-controls-1)

[Health Certificate LATEST VERSION \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Additional Support for Traders

Plant Products

Phytosanitary Certificate Leaflet



This leaflet is for businesses that export plants and plant products from the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland to Great Britain.

It explains:

- what a phytosanitary certificate is
- how to get one
- what you need to do with it

Guidance on gov.uk

[Import plants and plant products from the EU to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-plants-and-plant-products-from-the-eu-to-great-britain)

BTOM Plants Q/A

[TOM online session recordings and Questions and Answers \(Q&A\) - UK Plant Health Information Portal \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/plant-health/btom-plants-q-a/)

[PC leaflet \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/publications/phytosanitary-certificate-leaflet)

Import Notifications



The person responsible for the load in GB:



will need to continue pre-notifying Great Britain via Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS) for:

- all live animals
- all germinal products
- all animal products
- high risk food and feed not of animal origin (HRFNAO)
- medium and high-risk plants and plant products

An import notification must be made by the person responsible for the consignment to the authorities one working day before the expected arrival of the goods.

An import notification can be made up to 30 days before arrival.

STEP 1: Register on IPAFFS

GOV.UK

Home > Environment > Wildlife, animals, biodiversity and ecosystems > Animal welfare

Guidance

Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS)

Use IPAFFS to notify enforcement authorities about imports to Great Britain.

[Import of products, animals, food and feed system \(IPAFFS\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system-ipaffs)
(www.gov.uk)

STEP 2: Complete pre-notification



The person responsible for the load in GB can use the Import Notification Leaflet to support them with this process

[Import Notification Guide 22/12 - index Ireland](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/imports/2022-12-12-index-ireland)
(publishing.service.gov.uk)

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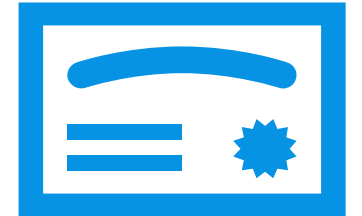
Medium-risk animal products and HRFNAO: Risk based documentary, identity and physical to take place at GB Border Control Posts (BCPs) for EU & EFTA exports to GB. For animal products – 100% Documentary, 1-30% ID and physical (rates TBC).



Medium-risk plants and plant products: Risk-based documentary, physical and ID checks to take place at GB BCPs and Control Points for EU (+ Liechtenstein and Switzerland) exports to GB.



Inspections of **high-risk plants and plant products** will move from destination to BCPs and/or Control Points for EU (+ Liechtenstein and Switzerland) goods.



Rest of World imports begin to align with the TOM regime - e.g. low risk animal products no longer require health certification.



Trusted Trader Scheme pilots for medium risk animal products focussed on Checks Away from the Border commence (plants Q2 2024 TBC)

Additional support for traders

! All leaflets and trader guidance in one place.

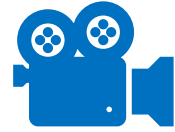
[Border Target Operating Model: information leaflets for businesses](#)
- GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



Interactive Border Control Post Maps

[Live animals, animal products and food and feed of non-animal origin border control posts \(BCP\) in the UK](#)
- Google My Maps

[BCP Locations and Map - UK Plant Health Information Portal](#)
(defra.gov.uk)



Recordings of useful webinars



[BTOM: What does this mean for the horticultural sector?](#)
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6)) WellHeater - UK - V6
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[BTOM: What does this mean for the fresh produce sector?](#)
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[BTOM: What does this mean for the meat and poultry sector?](#)
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[BTOM: What does this mean for the dairy sectors?](#) ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[BTOM: What does this mean for the animal by-products sector?](#)
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[BTOM: What does this mean for live animal sectors?](#)
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[BTOM: Authorised Operator Status \(AOS\) proposal](#)
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[Importing Plants and Plant Products to GB through a Border Control Post \(BCP\)](#) ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[BTOM: Prepare for the upcoming plant health import controls from January 2024](#) ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[BTOM: Prepare for changes to border checks from 30 April 2024 for import of plants & plant products](#) ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



[Border Target Operating Model \(BTOM\): Get ready for 30th April Import Controls: Animal Products](#)
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))