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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: UNITED KINGDOM If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): All plants, plant products and specified other objects assessed as medium risk. Animals and animal products.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Amendments to the Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) Regulations 2022 and introducing legislative amendments to ensure existing controls for animals and animal products continue to operate effectively at the border. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/GBR/24_08502_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The following amendment is being made to England, Scotland, and Wales (Great Britain) the Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) Regulations 2022. Currently, risk-based documentary checks are carried out on medium risk plants, plant products, and other related objects from EU Member States, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. This approach is to be extended to include medium risk plants, plant products and other objects from all countries to help facilitate trade. The methodology for determining the risk factor of these goods is contained in The Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) Regulations 2022 . Frequencies of documentary checks will be published online and will align with the corresponding physical and ID check rates. More information can be found at this link - Frequency of plant health import inspections across GB - UK Plant Health Information Portal . Additionally, we are seeking to introduce legislation relating to animals and animal products to remove country/commodity risk categories and check rate frequencies from the statute book and move them to the GOV.UK website to allow changes to be made administratively, in response to changing risk status. Changes to risk categories and check rates will be based on a range of animal and public health data sources. This approach allows an appropriately responsive implementation of risk mitigations to address changing sanitary risks and hazards. WTO Members will be notified of any changes to risk categories and check rates in line with our transparency obligations.

	<p>More information on import risk categories and inspection rates can be found at the links below:</p> <p>Import risk categories and inspection rates for animal and animal product imports from the EU to GB: summary tables - GOV.UK</p> <p>Import risk categories and inspection rates for animal and animal product imports from non-EU countries to GB: summary tables - GOV.UK</p>
7.	<p>Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p>CXG 47-2003 CXG 20-1995 CXG 82-2013 CXG 47-2003 CHG 20-1996 CXG 62-2007 CXG 80-2013</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): World Organization for Animal Health Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2.1.5 Principles of risk management and 2.1.6 Risk management components</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISPM 01 Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade • ISPM 02 Framework for pest risk analysis • ISPM 20 Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: More information on the specific changes to the legislation are included in the attachment to this notification.</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 21 May 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 21 May 2025</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 June 2025</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 February 2025

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13. Text(s) available from: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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