



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fruit, vegetables (other than leafy vegetables): <i>Solanum melongena</i> (aubergines), 07 09 30 00, 07 09 30 00 00, 07 09 99 90 90; <i>Capsicum</i>, peppers and chillies, 07 09 60 10 00, 07 09 60 99 20, 07 09 60 99, 07 09 60 91 00, 07 09 60 95 00; <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (tomatoes), 07 02 00 00 99, 07 02 00 00 07; <i>Zea mays</i> (sweetcorn), 07 09 99 60 10, 07 09 99 60 90; <i>Annona</i>/custard apple, 08 10 90 20, 08 10 90 75, 08 10 90 20 90, 08 10 90 75 90; <i>Malus</i> (apples), 08 08 10 10 00, 08 08 10 80 10, 08 08 10 80 90, 08 08 10 80 90, 08 08 10 80 20, 08 08 10 80 10; <i>Persea americana</i> (avocado), 08 04 40 00 10; <i>Carica papaya</i> (pawpaw), 08 07 20 00; <i>Vitis</i> (grapes), 08 06 10 10 90, 08 06 10 10 05; <i>Pyrus</i> (pears), 08 08 30 90 90, 08 08 30 10 00, 08 08 30 90 10; <i>Prunus</i>, 08 09 10 00, 08 10 90 75 90, 08 09 29 00, 08 09 21 00, 08 09 40 05, 08 02 11 10, 08 02 11 90, 08 09 40 90, 08 10 90 75, 08 09 10 00, 08 09 21 00, 08 09 40 05, 08 09 40 90, 08 09 21 00, 08 09 29 00; <i>Prunus persica</i>, 08 09 30 90 00, 08 09 30 10 00; <i>Cydonia</i> (quince), 08 08 40 00 00; <i>Rubus</i> - Raspberry, 08 10 20 10; <i>Rubus</i> other e.g. blackberries, loganberries, mulberries, 08 10 20 10 00, 08 10 20 90 00, 08 10 20 90, 08 10 20 10; <i>Fragaria</i> (strawberries), 08 10 10 00 00; <i>Vaccinium</i>, 08 10 40 50 00, 08 10 40 90, 08 10 40 30 00, 08 10 40 10.- Cut flowers: Aster, 06 03 19 70 90; Chrysanthemum, 06 03 19 70 90; Dianthus, 06 03 12 00 00; Eryngium/Eryngium leaves, 06 03 19 70 90; Gypsophila, 06 03 19 70 90; Hypericum, 06 03 19 70 90; Lisianthus, 06 03 19 70 90; Orchids, 06 03 13 00 00; Rosa, 06 03 11 00 00, 06 03 19 70 90; Solidago, 06 03 19 70 90.- Leaves of plants, such as herbs, spices and leafy vegetables: Ocimum/sweet basil, 12 11 90 86 20, 14 04 90 00 90.
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: GB Risk Targeted Plant Health Import Inspections . Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/GBR/21_3973_00_e.pdf (This document is the method document underlying the legislation.)
6. Description of content: In response to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, there was a need to develop a risk targeted phytosanitary import inspection regime for Great Britain (GB). This would allow reduced levels of identity and physical checks on lower risk regulated material of plant health relevance. Most consignments of regulated plants, plant products or other objects for import should, in principle, be subject to

<p>documentary, identity and physical checks before being permitted entry. However, during the time that the United Kingdom was a member of the European Union, its Plant Health Services applied a regime of reduced frequency plant health checks. This was to make efficient use of inspection resources. Consignments of some plant products or other objects, with a good history of compliance with phytosanitary requirements, were allowed a reduced frequency of plant health checks, provided they met certain eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Following the end of the Transition Period, GB Plant Health Services have developed their own risk targeted inspection system to allow for lower levels of checks of regulated plant health goods. Under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020, the United Kingdom has retained the EU Official Controls Regulation which requires such a system to be developed. The GB risk targeted inspection system, which will be targeted at pests that present a risk of becoming established in Great Britain, as opposed to all pests regulated under the previous EU regime, will allow for continued efficiency at the GB border, as fewer checks will be made on the lowest risk material. Justification for developing a system of lower-level checks is supported by the fact that there are no records of regulated pests becoming established in Great Britain as a result of infestation on regulated imports of low risk plant produce.</p> <p>The attached document (Reduced phytosanitary checks outline method) sets out the method by which the level of checks will be determined, which will be laid down in legislation. As a draft of the legislation is not yet available, we are using the method document to notify WTO of our intention.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 21 October 2021</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 21 October 2021</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2022</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 August 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</p>

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