NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED KINGDOM**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** The UK Food Safety Authorities comprising of the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS). |
| **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):** HS Code(s): 0709 60 10; 0710 80 51; 0802 21 00; 0802 22 00; 0802 51 00; 0802 52 00; 0805 10; 0805 21; 0805 22; 0805 29; 0805 50 10; 0806 20; 0904 21 10; 0910, 1202 41 00; 1202 42 00; 1207 40 90; 2008 11 10; 2008 11 91; 2008 11 96; 2008 11 98; 2305 00 00; ex 0709 60 99 20; ex 0709 99 90 20; ex 0710 80 59 20; ex 0710 80 95 30; ex 0810 90 20 20; ex 0813 40 95 10; ex 0813 50 39 70; ex 0813 50 91 70; ex 0813 50 99 70; ex 0904 11 00 10; ex 0904 21 90 20; ex 0904 22 00 11; 19; ex 1106 30 90 40; ex 1208 90 00 20; ex 1302 32 90 ; ex 1404 90 00; ex 1515 90 99 20; ex 2005 99 10 10; 90; ex 2005 99 80 94; ex 2007 10 10 70; ex 2007 10 99 40; ex 2007 99 39 05; 06; ex 2007 99 50 33; ex 2007 99 97 23; ex 2008 19 12 30; ex 2008 19 13 20; ex 2008 19 19 30; ex 2008 19 92 30; ex 2008 19 93 20; ex 2008 19 95 20; ex 2008 19 99 30; ex 2008 97 12 15; ex 2008 97 14 15; ex 2008 97 16 15; ex 2008 97 18 15; ex 2008 97 32 15; ex 2008 97 34 15; ex 2008 97 36 15; ex 2008 97 38 15; ex 2008 97 51 15; ex 2008 97 59 15; ex 2008 97 72 15; ex 2008 97 74 15; ex 2008 97 76 15; ex 2008 97 78 15; ex 2008 97 92 15; ex 2008 97 93 15; ex 2008 97 94 15; ex 2008 97 96 15; ex 2008 97 97 15; ex 2008 97 98 15; ex 2008 99 99 11; ex 2008 99 99 19 |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****]** **All trading partners** **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Bangladesh; Brazil; China; Ethiopia; Georgia; India; Malaysia; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Uganda; United States of America; Türkiye; Sudan |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** The Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed not of Animal Origin) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2022The Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022The Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2022.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 27 (England), 31 (Scotland), 27 (Wales)[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/GBR/22\_6011\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/GBR/22_6011_00_e.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/GBR/22_6011_01_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/GBR/22_6011_02_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Retained Regulation 2019/1793 lays down rules concerning the temporary increase of official controls applicable to certain food and feed of non-animal origin entering Great Britain from the countries listed in that Regulation. This is due to the risk of contamination by aflatoxins, pesticide residues, dyes, preservatives, pentachlorophenol and dioxins by microbiological contamination.The changes listed below have been subject to an assessment of the risks by the FSA and FSS and are science and evidence based. These assessments resulted in the proposed changes.This Regulation amends Annexes [1](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2019/1793/annex/I), [2](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2019/1793/annex/II) and [2a](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2019/1793/annex/IIa) to retained Regulation 2019/1793 by introducing the following changes:Annex 1* Goji berries from China listed in Annex 1 for pesticide residues to be delisted.
* Dried grapes from Turkey listed in Annex I for Ochratoxin Ato be delisted.
* Pistachios from the United States listed in Annex 1 for Aflatoxins to be delisted.
* Decrease from 50% to 20% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on hazelnuts and associated products from Georgia for Aflatoxins.
* Increase from 10% to 20% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on okra from India for pesticide residues.
* Increase from 20% to 50% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on black pepper from Brazil for *Salmonella*.
* Increase from 10% to 20% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on peppers of the *Capsicum* species (other than sweet) from Thailand for pesticide residues.
* Increase from 10% to 20% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on oranges from Turkey for pesticide residues.
* Increase from 5% to 20% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementine, willkings similar citrus hybrids from Turkey for pesticide residues.
* Increase from 10% to 20% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on sweet peppers from Turkey for pesticide residues.
* Increase from 20% to 50% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on jackfruit from Malaysia for pesticide residues.
* Increase from 20% to 50% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on peppers of the *Capsicum* species (other than sweet) from Uganda for pesticide residues in.
* Move groundnuts from China listed in Annex 2 to Annex 1 at 10% frequency of identity and physical checks for Aflatoxins. This represents a decrease in controls.
* Move hazelnuts and associated products from Turkey listed in Annex 2 to Annex 1 at 5% frequency of identity and physical checks for Aflatoxins. This represents a decrease in controls.
* Add groundnuts from Brazil to Annex 1 at 20% frequency of identity and physical checks for pesticide residues.
* Add lemons from Turkey at 20% frequency identity and physical checks for pesticide residues.
* Add peppers of the *Capsicum* species (other than sweet) from Turkey at 20% frequency of identity and physical checks for pesticide residues.
* Move groundnuts and associated products from Brazil listed in Annex 2 to Annex 1 at 10% frequency of identity and physical checks for Aflatoxins.
* Add betel leaves from Thailand to Annex 1 at 10% frequency identity and physical checks for *Salmonella*.
* TARIC sub-division for betel leaves from Thailand has been removed.

Annex 2* Increase from 10% to 50% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on Groundnuts and associated products from India for aflatoxins in Annex 2, Table 1.
* Increase from 20% to 50% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on *sesamum* seeds from Sudan for *Salmonella* in Annex 2, Table 1.
* Increase from 20% to 50% the frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on vine leaves from Turkey for pesticide residues in Annex 2, Table 1.
* Move betel leaves from Bangladesh listed in Annex 2a to Annex 2, Table 1 to 50% frequency of identity and physical checks for *Salmonella*. This represents new checks on a once prohibited product.
* Move sesamum seeds from Ethiopia listed in Annex 1 to Annex 2 at 50% frequency of identity and physical checks for *Salmonella*. This represents an increase in checks.
* Move peppers of the *Capsicum* species (sweet or other than sweet) from Sri Lanka listed in Annex I to Annex 2 at 50% frequency of identity and physical checks for Aflatoxins. This represents an increase in checks.
* Add *sesamum* seeds from Uganda to Annex 2, Table 1 at 20% frequency for physical and identity checks for *Salmonella.*
* TARIC sub-division for betel leaves from Bangladesh has been removed.
* TARIC sub-division for betel leaves from India has been removed.
* TARIC sub-division for guar gum from India has been removed.
* Add mixtures of spices to Annex 2, Table 2.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [****]****animal health, [****]****plant protection, [****]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****]****protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CXG 47-2003, CXG 20-1995**[****]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[****]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[****X]** **Yes [****]** **No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** [Retained Regulation 2019/1793](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2019/1793/contents) on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660Full details of the amendments to Retained Regulation 2019/1793 and consultation response summary are laid out in the public consultations on the FSA and FSS websites, available here:[FSA consultation on Amendments to Retained Regulation 2019/1793](https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/consultations/amendments-to-retained-regulation-20191793-controls-applied-to-imported-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin)[FSS consultation on Review of retained Regulation 2019/1793](https://consult.foodstandards.gov.scot/regulatory-policy/copy-of-imported-food-controls-amendments-to-retai/)Legislation to follow in addenda when available. (available in English.) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 21 November 2022**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 22 November 2022 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 17 January 2023**[****]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 November 2022**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JRUKSPS@defra.gov.uk |
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