

SPS import controls overview

On 14 September 2021, the UK Government announced the following changes to import controls for Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) goods:

1 January 2022



Pre-notification of Products of Animal Origin, Animal By- Products and High Risk Food not of Animal Origin



Pre-notification of all regulated plants and plant products



Notification made by importer or agent on the Imports of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS).

Note: exporter or agent needs the IPAFFS notification reference number from the GB importer, in order to complete the customs import declaration.

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Certification, documentary, ID and physical checks will be introduced in three phases from July to November 2022:

1 July 2022

Certification and physical checks on all regulated plants and plant products, all remaining regulated Animal By-Products, meat products and all remaining High-Risk Food and Feed Not of Animal Origin

New requirements for GB Export Health certificates from EU exporters

1 September 2022

Certification and physical checks for dairy products

1 November 2022

Certification and physical checks will be introduced for all remaining regulated Products of Animal Origin, including composite and fish products.

Live animal checks will also begin in stages incrementally moving from the point of destination to border control posts from 1 July 2022 as facilities become available and are appropriately designated.

Organics and marketing standards

Organics:

- Great Britain recognises the EU as equivalent for the purpose of trade in organics until 31 December 2023.
- Organic products exported from the EU to Great Britain from 1 July 2022, will require a Certificate of Inspection. Please use the interim manual GB organic import system, you will need to contact your organic control body to request the forms for the manual GB organic import system,

Marketing Standards:

Marketing standards will differ according to the product. You can find more information [online](#).

- The UK is taking steps to remove the requirement of VI-1 certification for wine imports. We expect the certification requirement to permanently end on 31st December 2021, subject to approval.



Recognition of natural mineral waters in GB

The sale and marketing of Natural Mineral Water (NMW) is governed by specific rules across the UK which require it to have a specific recognition.

Existing recognitions which are currently in place will end on **7 January 2022**.

EU producers of NMW who wish to continue marketing their waters in Great Britain must apply to Defra, Food Standards Scotland or Food Standards Agency Wales to secure recognition of their waters by 7 January 2022.

Applications are currently being processed. The application process and full guidance on how to gain recognition can be found at [Recognition of natural mineral water inside and outside the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Embassies should ensure that any NMW producers exporting to GB are aware of this change.

