



**Requirements for imports from EEA/EFTA countries**

Where EEA/ EFTA countries are fully harmonised with EU SPS standards, phasing of SPS control arrangements will be carried out in line with EU countries. Where EEA/ EFTA countries are not currently fully harmonised with EU SPS standards, they should expect continuity of their current SPS control arrangements from January 2021.

For animals and their products, where EEA/ EFTA countries are fully harmonised with EU SPS standards, phasing of SPS control arrangement are carried out in line with EU countries. For animals and their products, where EEA/ EFTA countries are not currently fully harmonised with EU SPS standards, they should expect continuity of their current SPS control arrangements from January 2021.

The processes for plants and plant products from the EU outlined in the Border Operating Model apply to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, but not Iceland, Greenland or the Faroe Islands.

**Marketing standards**

Depending on the exact goods being imported, changes will apply to the rules on marketing standards for imports of:

- fruits and vegetables;
- hops;
- beef and veal
- eggs;
- hatching eggs and chicks; and
- poultry meat.

Since 01 January 2021, imports of these products from the EU may need to meet new requirements. These will vary by sector. Full details of the marketing standards that will apply to specific products are available [online](#).

On Thursday 28 April 2022, the Government announced that no further import controls on EU goods will be introduced this year. This includes the requirement for organics certificates of inspection (COIs) from the EU, EEA and Switzerland and controls on marketing standards. Relevant legislation is being prepared to bring these changes into effect.

Requirements for Certificate of Inspections (COIs) have applied to organic imports to GB from non-EU countries since 1 January 2021. COIs for organic goods entering GB from the EU, EEA and Switzerland will no longer commence from 1 July 2022 and confirmation of future arrangements for these controls will be provided in due course.

**Animal Products (Animal By-Products and Products of Animal Origin)**

In January 2021, import requirements for High-risk Animal By-Products (ABP) and Products of Animal Origin (POAO) under safeguard measures were introduced.

Since January 2022, Products of Animal Origin (POAO) and low-risk Animal By-Products (ABP) have been subject to additional import requirements, with the exception of goods moving from the island of Ireland - see **Section 1.1.6**.

POAO within the scope of fishery products and live bivalve molluscs for human consumption will be subject to additional requirements as detailed in **Section 1.2.3 - additional requirements for fishery products and live bivalve molluscs**.

The Government has announced that new SPS controls for imports from the EU will now not be introduced on 1 July 2022. Further announcements will be made in line with the announcement [here](#).

**Requirements**

Following January 2021 and 2022, new import requirements apply to EU POAO for human consumption and ABP not for human consumption. Guidance on products that are classed as POAO can be found [here](#), and APB not intended for human consumption [here](#).

The scope of POAO for human consumption includes composite products which contain processed animal product and plant product as a main ingredient. The staged import requirements also apply to composite products unless the product meets the requirements to be exempt. Further information on composite products can be found [here](#).

**High-risk Animal By-Products (ABP)**

Following January 2021, high-risk ABP products – such as **Category 1 material**, **Category 2 material**, meat-and-bone meal or animal fat **derived from Category 1 and Category 2 materials** and **Category 3 processed animal protein (PAP)** – need to meet specific border requirements, including:

- Import pre-notifications for Category 1 material, Category 2 material and meat-and-bone meal or animal fat derived from Category 1 and Category 2 materials and Category 3 processed animal protein (PAP) submitted by the importer on the domestic notification system (Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS)) in advance of the goods' arrival (in line with existing requirements for imports of high-risk ABP from the EU)
- Pre-authorisation by Defra/APHA of Category 1 material, Category 2 material and meat-and-bone meal or animal fat derived from Category 1 and Category 2 materials prior to any imports taking place
- Goods to be accompanied by the current official ABP commercial documentation

**Products of Animal Origin (POAO) under safeguard measures**

Since January 2021, products of animal origin (POAO) subject to safeguard measures must be accompanied by a health certificate; this must be secured by the exporter from the EU country of origin's competent authority.