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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> 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 codes: 0807 20 00; ex0904 22 00 11; 0709 30 00 05; 0709 99 90 10; 0710 80 95 75; 0910; 0908; 0909; 0810 90 20 20; 1207 40; 2008 19 19 49; 2008 19 99 49; 1202 41 00; 1202 42 00; 2008 11 10; 2008 11 91; 2008 11 96; 2008 11 98; 1208 90 00 20; 2305 00 00; 2007 10 10 80; 2007 10 99 50; 2007 99 39 07; 2007 99 39 08; 0810 90 20 10; 0709 60 99 20; 0710 80 59 20; 0709 99 90 20; 0710 80 95 30
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [] All trading partners [X] Specific regions or countries: Brazil; China; Dominican Republic; Ethiopia; India; Malaysia; Nigeria; Paraguay; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; Türkiye; Uganda; Viet Nam
5. Title of the notified document: The Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1793) (England) Regulations 2025; The Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2025; The Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793) (Wales) Regulations 2025. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 34 (England), 23 (Scotland), 29 (Wales) https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/GBR/25_04166_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/GBR/25_04166_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/GBR/25_04166_02_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Assimilated Regulation 2019/1793 lays down rules concerning the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures 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 proposed changes listed below are required following a science and evidence-based assessment of the risks by the FSA and FSS. It is proposed that the notified document (the Regulation) amends Annexes I , and II to Regulation 2019/1793 by introducing the following changes: • Brazil - New listing in Annex I for Pawpaws (Papaya) (Food), for pesticide residues, at 10% frequency of identity and physical checks. • China - Delist from Annex I Sweet peppers (<i>Capsicum annum</i>) (Food – crushed or ground) for <i>Salmonella</i>. • Ethiopia - Update commodity codes for Sesamum seeds (Food) for <i>Salmonella</i>, listed in Annex II, extending the range of commodities subject to controls.

	• Dominican Republic - Increase frequency of identity and physical checks from 20% to 50%, for pesticide residues, to be performed on Aubergines (<i>Solanum melongena</i>) (Food – fresh or chilled), listed in Annex I. • India ○ New listing in Annex II, moving from Annex I, for Drumsticks (<i>Moringa oleifera</i>) (Food fresh, chilled or frozen), for pesticide residues, at 20% frequency of identity and physical checks. ○ New listing in Annex II, moving from Annex I, for Ginger, saffron, turmeric (<i>Curcuma</i>), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices (Food – dried spices), for pesticide residues, at 20% frequency of identity and physical checks. ○ Increase frequency of identity and physical checks to be performed on Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms (Food – dried spices) from 10% to 50%, for pesticide residues, listed in Annex I. ○ New listing in Annex II, moving from Annex I, for Okra (Food – fresh, chilled or frozen), for pesticide residues, at 20% frequency of identity and physical checks. ○ New listing in Annex II, moving from Annex I, for Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries (Food – dried spices), for pesticide residues, at 20% frequency of identity and physical checks. • Malaysia – Decrease frequency of identity and physical checks from 50% to 20%, for pesticide residues, to be performed on Jackfruit (<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>) (Food – fresh) • Nigeria - Update commodity codes for Sesamum seeds (Food) for <i>Salmonella</i>, listed in Annex I, extending the range of commodities subject to controls. • Paraguay - New listing in Annex I for Groundnuts in shell, Groundnuts shelled, Groundnuts, otherwise prepared or preserved, Groundnut Flours and Meals, Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of groundnut Oil, Groundnuts paste, and Peanut Butter (<i>Food and feed</i>), for aflatoxins, at 10% frequency of identity and physical checks. • Sudan - Update commodity codes for Sesamum seeds (Food) for <i>Salmonella</i>, listed in Annex II, extending the range of commodities subject to controls. • Syria - Update commodity codes for Sesamum seeds (Food) for <i>Salmonella</i>, listed in Annex I, extending the range of commodities subject to controls. • Thailand - New listing in Annex I for Pitahaya (dragon fruit) (Food – fresh or chilled), for pesticide residues, at 10% frequency of identity and physical checks. • Türkiye - Update commodity codes for Sesamum seeds (Food) for <i>Salmonella</i>, listed in Annex II, extending the range of commodities subject to controls. • Uganda ○ New listing in Annex II, moving from Annex I, for Peppers of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> (other than sweet) (<i>Food – fresh, chilled or frozen</i>), for pesticide residues, at 20% frequency of identity and physical checks. ○ Update commodity codes for Sesamum seeds (Food) for <i>Salmonella</i>, listed in Annex II, extending the range of commodities subject to controls. • Viet Nam – Decrease frequency of identity and physical checks from 50% to 20%, for pesticide residues, to be performed on Okra (Food – fresh, chilled or frozen)
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ 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: ☒ 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: Assimilated Regulation 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into Great Britain of certain goods from certain third countries implementing assimilated Regulations 2017/625 and No 178/2002. Full details of the proposed amendments to assimilated Regulation 2019/1793 are laid out in the public consultations on the FSA and FSS websites, available here: – FSA: Amendments to assimilated Regulation 2019/1793: Changes to Official Controls and Emergency Measures Applied to Imported High Risk Food and Feed not of Animal Origin Food Standards Agency – FSS: Regulation 2019/1793 on increased import controls of certain food and feed of non-animal origin (Review 4) - Food Standards Scotland - Citizen Space (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4 November 2025 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 6 November 2025
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 January 2026 [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 24 August 2025 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building 2 Marsham St London SW1P 4DF E-mail: uksps@defra.gov.uk Website: Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs - GOV.UK
13.	Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building 2 Marsham St London SW1P 4DF E-mail: uksps@defra.gov.uk Website: Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs - GOV.UK