

Imports in GB requirements

The Government set out a new timetable for introducing full import controls for goods being imported from the EU to the UK.

The revised timetable for the introduction of plant health controls, was set out as follows:

- **Since 1 January 2021**, phytosanitary certificates (PC) and pre-notification have been required to accompany EU imports of high-priority plants and plant products. Documentary, identity and physical checks of these goods have been carried out at Places of Destination.
- **From 1 January 2022**, the requirement for pre-notification will be extended to all regulated plants and plant products (i.e. not just those which are 'high-priority').

As of 29th April 2022, the UK government have confirmed that there will be no further implementation of import controls in 2022.

This does not affect existing controls that were introduced in January 2021 and January 2022 (as above) or the proposed changes to the frequency of checks or fees which apply to the EY and Rest of World, which will continue to be implemented in July (please see below).

Controls planned for July which will now be postponed are:

- Import checks of high-priority plants and plant products **will no longer be** moving to Border Control Posts (BCPs), and will continue to take place at PoDs
- 'Regulated and notifiable' produce and cut flowers **will not be subject** to import checks from July and **will not need** to be accompanied by a PC
- Low-risk (Article 73) goods **will no longer require** pre-notification from July
- Marketing Standards and organic import requirements **will no longer be applied** from July 2022

Defra have confirmed there will be a revised target Border Operating Model released in the Autumn of 2022, in preparation for implementation in 2023.

It is expected that it will highlight how new systems will support the import process, including, IPAFFs, ePhyto and a data cloning system.

Frequency of checks and fees

This decision **also does not affect** the proposed changes to the frequency of checks and fees which apply to EU and Rest of World (RoW) goods. These will continue to be implemented from July 2022 and are detailed below.

Frequency of checks

These were published at the end of March, along with feedback from the consultation, which can be found [here](#).

The below table shows the inspection frequency from the 1st July 2022 for seed.

Tubers of <i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Egypt, Poland, Portugal, Romania	50%
	Spain	100%
	All other third countries	3%
	Seed potatoes - <i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	100%
Seeds	Not specified elsewhere in this table	5%
	For trials or testing	10%
	Brassicaceae, Poaceae and <i>Trifolium</i> spp. (Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand, Uruguay)	100%
	<i>Capsicum</i> sp., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> , <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> (tuber seed)	100%
	<i>Triticum</i> , <i>Secale</i> and <i>Triticosecale</i> (Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa and the USA)	100%

Fees

The outcomes from the consultation on fees can be found [here](#).

From the 22nd of July 2022 there will be a flat rate introduced for both finished and non-finished for cuttings and plants for planting, however seed and bulbs will remain on the existing fee's structure.

Details of the fees can be found [here](#), with the key crops in the table below.

The full fees review will be delayed until these short-term measures are in place.

High-level category	Sub category	Physical fee (£)	ID fee (£)
Tubers of Solanum tuberosum	Egypt, Poland, Portugal, Romania	£78.34	£2.62
	Spain	£156.69	£5.25
	All other third countries	£4.70	£0.15
	Seed potatoes - Solanum tuberosum	£156.69	£5.25
Seeds	Not specified elsewhere in this table	£6.40	£0.26
	For trials or testing	£12.81	£0.52
	Brassicaceae, Poaceae and Trifolium spp. (Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand, Uruguay)	£128.13	£5.25
	Capsicum sp., Solanum lycopersicum, Solanum tuberosum (true seed)	£128.13	£5.25
	Triticum, Secale and Triticosecale, (Afghanistan, India, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa and the USA)	£128.13	£5.25