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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
<b>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):</b> Horizontal measure
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> The Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (Preceded by the Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/681/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/681/made</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Temporary measures to contain the risks to human, animal and plant health, and animal welfare during serious disruptions of control systems due to the coronavirus disease, providing options to allow control authorities to authorise, within strict parameters, natural persons to undertake official controls and official activities under their instruction by any available means of communication; checks on electronically submitted documents; documentary checks to take place at or away from the border; and meetings with operators to be conducted by remote communication.  The Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/78/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/78/made</a> , amended the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 ("the EU Regulation"), which became retained direct EU law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("the Act"), to allow easements to the system of official controls in Great Britain to continue beyond the end date of 1 February 2021 to 1 July 2021. It also reinstated a provision, previously in the EU Regulation, permitting appropriately authorised persons to carry out checks under the supervision of the competent authority. The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 was originally notified by the European Union under reference G/SPS/N/EU/380 on 1 April 2020.  The Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021, <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/681/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/681/made</a> , amends the end date of the application of the EU Regulation, as last amended by the Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, to 31 December 2021.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 8 June 2021</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 8 June 2021</p>
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