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# The UK's new Border Target Operating Model

What it means for seafood imports into Great Britain

26 September 2023



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- Special treatment for EU goods:
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# Principles of the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM)

- Proportionate controls to safeguard public health and animal health
- Global
- Risk based
  - Meaning that not all seafood will undergo checks
- Streamlined, digitised health certificates
- Other facilitations:
  - Trusted Traders
  - Groupage

## THE BORDER TARGET OPERATING MODEL

August 2023



# Risk categorisation

- Seafood will be categorised as medium risk or low risk
- Border checks will depend on risk
- (Only live animals not intended for human consumption will be high risk)
- Risk categories are available for seafood from most countries



# Product from the EU, Iceland, Norway, Greenland and Faroes

## Medium risk

Fish that has been processed

e.g. by heating, curing, smoking, maturing, drying, marinating, extraction, extrusion or a combination of these

Fish associated with histamine

mackerel, herring, sardine, anchovy etc.

Aquaculture product

Live crustaceans

Bivalve molluscs

## Low risk

All remaining wild-caught fish

including fishery products that have been gutted, headed, sliced, filleted or chopped

Fish that is ambient stable

subject to a list of conditions

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## Countries covered



- Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, India, Israel, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam

## Not yet risk assessed



- Bangladesh, Honduras, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka etc.
- **18.5% of imports = £637m**



# Checking rates

## Low risk seafood

No documentary, identity or physical checks



## Medium risk

100% documentary checks

Typically 1% identity and physical checks



# Streamlined health certificates

- New GB format
- Less confusing / reduces input errors
- Requires the same information

**Model health certificate for the placing on the market of fishery products (FP)**  
GBHC401 v1.1 Aug-23

Part I. Details of dispatched consignment							
<b>I.1 Consignor / Exporter</b> Name: Address: Tel:		<b>I.2 Certificate reference no.</b>		<b>I.3 Central competent authority</b>		<b>I.4 Local competent authority</b>	
		I.2.a Not in use					
<b>I.5 Consignee / Importer</b> Name: Address: Tel:				<b>I.6 Operator responsible for the consignment</b> Name: Address: Tel:			
<b>I.7 Country of origin</b>	<b>ISO code</b>	<b>I.8 Region of origin</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>I.9 Country of destination</b>	<b>ISO code</b>	<b>I.10 Region of destination</b>	<b>Code</b>
<b>I.11 Place of dispatch</b> Name: Approval number: Address:				<b>I.12 Place of destination</b> Name: Address:			
<b>I.13 Place of loading</b>				<b>I.14 Date of departure</b> <b>Time of departure</b>			
<b>I.15 Means of transport</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Railway <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Identification:				<b>I.16 Entry BCP</b>			
				<b>I.17 Accompanying documents</b> Type: No:			

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Fishery products (FP) GBHC401		II.a. Certificate reference no.		II.b.				
I.18 Transport conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen			I.19 Container No / Seal No					
I.20 Goods certified as <input type="checkbox"/> Canning industry <input type="checkbox"/> Human consumption								
I.21 Not in use			I.22 Not in use					
I.23 Total number of packages		I.24 Quantity Total number		Total net weight (kg)		Total gross weight (kg)		
I.25 Identification of the commodities								
No			Code and CN title					
Species (scientific name)	Nature of commodity	Treatment type	Vessel / Manufacturing plant	Cold store	Number of packages	Net weight	Batch No	Type of packaging
<input type="checkbox"/> Final consumer								
<b>Part II. Certification</b>								
<b>Animal Health</b>								
<p><sup>1</sup>Animal health attestations for fish and crustaceans of aquaculture origin</p> <p>I, the undersigned official Certifying Officer, hereby certify that the aquaculture animals or products thereof referred to in Part I of this certificate:</p> <p><sup>2</sup>[AH/T153 Territory requirements originate from a country, territory, zone or compartment declared free from <sup>3</sup>[Epizootic Haematopoietic Necrosis] <sup>4</sup>[Taura syndrome] <sup>5</sup>[Yellowhead disease] and comply with the relevant GB requirements.]</p> <p><sup>6</sup>[AH/T154 Territory requirements originate from a country, territory, zone or compartment declared free from <sup>7</sup>[Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia] <sup>8</sup>[Infectious Haematopoietic Necrosis] <sup>9</sup>[Infectious Salmon Anaemia (genotype HPR-deleted)] <sup>10</sup>[Koi Herpes Virus] <sup>11</sup>[White spot disease] and comply with the relevant GB requirements.]</p>								
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## Digitised health certificates

- PDF versions can be attached to IPAFFS pre-notifications
- No need to send the original paper certificate with the consignment
- Must be created directly in TRACES or similar national system

**IPAFFS = Import of products, animals, food and feed system**

**Importers use IPAFFS to send electronic pre-notifications of consignments**

# Timeline

## 31 January 2024

- Medium risk seafood will require export health certificates

## 30 April 2024

- Low and medium risk seafood to enter via a Border Control Post (BCP)
- ...and be subjected to risk-based checks
- Rest-of-world imports align with BTOM regime
- ...and low risk seafood no longer requires certification on entry

# Other facilitations: Trusted Trader

## Accredited Trusted Trader Scheme

- Certification logistics ← Pilot in January 2024
- Checks Away From Border ← Pilot in April 2024
- Journey Assurance
  - draws upon evidence gathered en route



## Other facilitations: Groupage

### Hub consolidation Multiple pick-up

#### Facilitations

- Low risk classification
- Seals
- No need for a vehicle registration number on the health certificate
- Trusted trader facilitations



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