

## UK Border Target Operating Model

**On 29 August 2023, the UK Government published a new Border Target Operating Model, setting out a new approach to importing into the UK that is expected to be progressively introduced throughout 2024.**

After considering the feedback raised by stakeholders on implementation challenges, the UK Government has altered the timeline originally proposed, to give businesses and their supply-chains the time they need to prepare.

### **New key dates for implementation are as follows**

- **31 January 2024** - Export health certificates and phytosanitary certificates are introduced for medium risk animal products, plants and plant products imported to Great Britain from the EU & EFTA countries including Irish goods, as well as non-qualifying Northern Ireland goods. Introduction of pre-notification for non-qualifying Northern Ireland and Ireland origin animal products, plant and plant products.
- **30 April 2024** - Documentary checks and physical identity checks at the border are introduced for medium risk animal products, plant and plant products imported to Great Britain from the EU & EFTA countries (excluding those goods being imported from the Republic of Ireland). Existing inspections of high-risk plants/plant products from the EU will move from destination to Border Control Posts.
- **31 October 2024** - Safety and Security declarations for EU imports will come into force.
- **From 31 October 2024** - The introduction of documentary and risk-based identity and physical checks on medium risk animal products, plants, plant products and high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin from the EU on the west coast of Great Britain.

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