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Dear Sir/Madam,

Import checks and fees for medium-risk goods from the EU, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland

On 29 August 2023, we published the final Border [Target Operating Model](#) (TOM) that proposes a new approach to sanitary and phytosanitary (“SPS”) controls, applying to imports of live animals, animal products, plants and plants products, at the border.

The United Kingdom will implement the new SPS regime in three major stages, with legislation introduced in accordance with the timetable detailed in the final TOM. To deliver the second stage, that will come into force on 30 April 2024, we are seeking to introduce documentary and risk-based identity and physical checks on medium-risk plants and plant products from the EU, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland. We also intend to update fees relating to imports of certain goods from Rest of World (RoW) countries in response to a change in inspection frequencies for such goods.

More information, including an outline of legislative changes and the associated fees, is provided in the Annex.

Any comments should be sent to plantpestrisks@defra.gov.uk by 15 December 2023.

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Yours faithfully

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