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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### TEMPORARY CONTINGENCY MEASURES RELATED TO OFFICIAL CONTROLS WHICH CAN BE DRAWN ON AT BORDER CONTROL POSTS (BCPs) DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

#### Purpose

To advise you that the temporary easements that had been agreed earlier in the year has been extended until 31 December 2021.

#### Background

Last year, a number of temporary easements were introduced to accommodate for disruptions to the UK's official control system resulting from the Covid-19 outbreak. The legal powers to introduce these easements are provided for in Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/466 (as amended), which expired on 1 February 2021.

[OVS Note 2021/02](#) issued on 10 March advised that [The Official Controls \(Temporary Measures\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021](#) provided a legal basis to continue with and re-introduce some of the easements that were introduced as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak. That Regulation has been amended by [The Official Controls \(Temporary Measures\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021](#) which extends the application date until 31 December 2021.

The annexes below list all special measures that can be adopted during the Covid-19 outbreak until further notice with further details in the attached pdf document.

- Annex I – Allowing non-OVs to carry out ID and physical checks (re-instated policy)
- Annex II – Allowing scanned documents (no change in policy)
- Annex III – Remote documentary checks (no change in policy)

## **Action for OVSs**

To note the contents of this OVS note.

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