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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 have been extended until further notice.

### **Background**

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, a number of temporary easements have been 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 Retained Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/466 (as amended), that has been extended now beyond its expiry date of 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
- Annex II – Allowing scanned documents
- Annex III – Remote documentary checks

Defra and the FSA will be reviewing the Covid imports easements regularly, and any changes in this policy will be communicated timely to BCPs.

### **Action for OVSS**

To note the contents of this OVS note.

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