



Department  
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Food & Rural Affairs

## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### WITHDRAWAL OF TEMPORARY CONTINGENCY MEASURES RELATING TO OFFICIAL CONTROLS AT BORDER CONTROL POSTS (BCPs) DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

#### Purpose

To advise you that the temporary easements that were agreed at the beginning of the Global Pandemic will no longer apply after 30 June 2022.

#### Background

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic in 2020, a number of temporary easements were introduced to facilitate movements of consignments of animals and animal products imported into GB. The legal powers to introduce these easements are provided for in Retained EU Regulation 2020/466 (as amended).

From 1 July 2022, all the special measures adopted during the Covid-19 outbreak that allowed non-OVs to carry out ID and physical checks, the use of scanned documents, and remote documentary checks will cease to apply.

#### Action for OVSS

To note the contents of this OVS note. You may also wish to notify importers/agents accordingly.

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