



## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS NOTE 2025/18

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### CHANGE IN THE BORDER TARGET OPERATING MODEL (BTOM) RISK CATEGORY

#### Purpose

1. To inform you about changes in risk category for the following commodities from **24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**:

#### BOTH EU AND NON-EU IMPORTS:

Commodity	BTOM risk category	Inspection rate	Comments
Dry untreated wool or hair from animals other than those of porcine species	Medium	1%	Further guidance and import conditions are set out in <a href="#">ABP/23A</a> .

Importers should continue to use import documentation as set out in [Import of untreated wool and hair - Import Information Note \(IIN\) ABP/23A - GOV.UK](#)

#### Background

2. Previously, imports of all untreated wool and hair from the EU were considered low risk.
  - [Animal by-products \(products not intended for human consumption\): risk categories for imports from EU to GB - GOV.UK](#)
3. Previously, imports of untreated wool and hair from non-EU countries were considered low or medium risk.
  - [BTOM risk categories and inspection rates for animal and animal product imports from non-EU countries to Great Britain: summary tables - GOV.UK](#)



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4. The risk category of all imports of untreated wool and hair from animals other than those of the porcine species, from EU and non-EU countries will change to medium from 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The risk categories for imports on GOV.UK will be updated shortly to reflect this change.

### **Actions for OVSs**

5. To note the content of this OVS note and if needed, advise traders accordingly.

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