

NewsLetter



Import Update

Changes to import rules for high risk FNAO

Certain Foods not of Animal Origin (“High Risk FNAO”) such as nuts and spices imported into GB from around the world are subject to special import control checks at Border Control Posts (BCPs) and require a Common Health Entry Document (CHED).

The relevant foods and the nature and frequency of import checks for such High Risk FNAO are set out in Annex I and Annex II of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1793](#).

Annex I lists out foods that are subject to temporary import checks at the port of entry whilst foods listed in Annex II are those associated with known contaminants such as aflatoxins and are subject to ongoing special import measures.

Both Annexes have been updated and the new import rules apply to relevant foods arriving at BCPs on or after 18th December 2024.

Where health certificates and laboratory reports are required, these must be generated on or after 18th December when the food leaves the country of origin.

What are the changes to Annex I?

- Groundnut paste from Argentina
- Granadilla and Passion fruit from Colombia
- Bananas from Ecuador
- Hazelnuts and their products from Georgia
- Basil (holy, sweet) from Israel
- Mint from Israel
- Cumin seeds(whole, crushed and ground from India
- Fenugreek leaves from India
- Yardlong beans from India
- Mukunuwenna (sissoo spinach, sessile joyweed) from Sri Lanka
- Groundnut paste from Madagascar
- Grapefruits from Turkey
- Sesamum seeds from Turkey
- Tahini and halva made using sesamum seeds from Turkey

What are the other changes?

Groundnuts and their products from Brazil no longer require a CHED. Guar gum, nutmeg and dried, roasted, crushed or ground peppers of the genus Capsicum (aflatoxins) from India have moved from Annex II to Annex I.

Tea from China has moved from Annex I to Annex II

More information

Relevant ABC Food Law resources:

Webinars:

- Introduction to imported food
- High Risk Food Not of Animal Origin
- Food contaminants
- Contaminants sampling
- [The Official Controls \(Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\). \(Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1793\) \(England\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#)