
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ANIMALS

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**The Official Controls (Extension of
Transitional Periods) Regulations 2021**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th July 2021</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>8th July 2021</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>30th July 2021</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by:

- (a) Article 144(6) of, and paragraph 2 of Annex 6 to, Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products ^{M1},
- (b) regulation 71(1) of the Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 ^{M2}, and
- (c) regulation 33(2) of the Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 ^{M3}.

In accordance with Article 144(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, before making these Regulations, the Secretary of State has consulted such bodies and persons as appear to the Secretary of State to be representative of the interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations and such other bodies or persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

In accordance with Article 3(2B) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 ^{M4}, regulation 71(2) of the Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, and regulation 35(2) of the Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, the Welsh Ministers, in relation to the application of these Regulations in relation to Wales, and the Scottish Ministers, in relation to the application of these Regulations in relation to Scotland, have consented to the Secretary of State making these Regulations.

Marginal Citations

- M1** EUR 2017/625. Article 144 is substituted, and Annex 6 inserted, by [S.I. 2020/1481](#). Annex 6 is amended by [S.I. 2021/429](#).
- M2** [S.I. 2020/1462](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to this instrument.
- M3** [S.I. 2020/1631](#).
- M4** [Article 3\(2B\)](#) is inserted by [S.I. 2020/1481](#).

Citation, commencement, extent and application **E+W+S**

- 1.—(1) These Regulations—
- (a) may be cited as the Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) Regulations 2021, and
 - (b) come into force on 30th July 2021.
- (2) This regulation, and regulations 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 extend to England and Wales, and Scotland.
- (3) Regulation 5 applies in relation to England only.
- (4) Regulation 6 extends to Scotland only.

Commencement Information

- I1** Reg. 1 in force at 30.7.2021, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

^{F1}End of the transitional staging period **E+S**

2. For the purposes of sub-paragraph (b) of the definition of “the transitional staging period” in paragraph 2 (interpretation) of Annex 6 to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, the appointed date is [^{F2}31st January 2025].]

Extent Information

- E1** This version of this provision applies to England and Scotland only; a separate version has been created for Wales only

Textual Amendments

- F1** [Reg. 2](#) substituted (29.6.2022) by [The Official Controls \(Extension of Transitional Periods\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/621\)](#), regs. 1(1)(b), **4(2)**
- F2** Words in [reg. 2](#) substituted (28.4.2024) by [The Official Controls \(Extension of Transitional Periods\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/540\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4**

^{F1}^{F3}End of the transitional staging period **W**

2. In relation to Wales, for the purposes of sub-paragraph (b) of the definition of “the transitional staging period” in paragraph 2 (interpretation) of Annex 6 to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, the appointed date is [^{F2}31st January 2025].]

Extent Information

- E2** This version of this provision applies to Wales only; a separate version has been created for England and Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F1** Reg. 2 substituted (29.6.2022) by [The Official Controls \(Extension of Transitional Periods\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/621\)](#), regs. 1(1)(b), **4(2)**
- F2** Words in reg. 2 substituted (28.4.2024) by [The Official Controls \(Extension of Transitional Periods\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/540\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4**
- F3** Reg. 2 substituted (W.) (30.12.2022) by [The Official Controls \(Extension of Transitional Periods\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1317\)](#), regs. 1(2)(c), **2(2)**

General transitional provision relating to model certificates: end of period of application **E** **+W+S**

3. The appointed date for the purposes of regulation 33(2) of the Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 is 30th September 2021.

Commencement Information

- I2** Reg. 3 in force at 30.7.2021, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 **E+W+S**

4.—(1) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products is amended as follows.

(2) In Annex 6, in paragraph 13, in the text of Article 56A, as inserted for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 3 of Annex 6—

- (a) in paragraph (4), for “31st July 2021” substitute “the relevant date”;
- (b) after paragraph (4), insert—

“(5) In paragraph (4), “the relevant date” means—

- (a) in relation to point (a), 1st October 2021;
- (b) in relation to point (b), 1st January 2022.”.

Commencement Information

- I3** Reg. 4 in force at 30.7.2021, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

Amendments to the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 **E+W**

5.—(1) The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 ^{M5} are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1), after the definition of “third country”, insert—

““the transitional staging period” has the meaning given in Annex 6 to the Official Controls Regulation.”.

- (3) In regulation 26(3), for “day on 31st July 2021” substitute “transitional staging period”.
- (4) In Schedule 5—
- (a) in paragraph 5(3), for “31st July” substitute “1st October”;
 - (b) in paragraph 6(1)(c)—
 - (i) for “31st July” substitute “1st October”;
 - (ii) after “products of animal origin” insert “or animal by-products”.

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 5 in force at 30.7.2021, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M5 [S.I. 2011/1197](#), which is amended by [S.I. 2020/1462](#) and [S.I. 2021/429](#). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

Amendments to the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012 **S**

6.—(1) The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012^{M6} are amended as follows.

- (2) In Schedule 5—
- (a) in paragraph 4(3), for “31st July” substitute “1st October”;
 - (b) in paragraph 5(3)—
 - (i) for “31st July” substitute “1st October”;
 - (ii) after “products of animal origin” insert “or animal by-products”.

Commencement Information

I5 Reg. 6 in force at 30.7.2021, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M6 [S.S.I. 2012/177](#), which is amended by [S.S.I. 2020/458](#) and [S.I. 2021/429](#). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

Amendments to the Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 **E+W+S**

7.—(1) The Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 are amended as follows.

- (2) In regulations 69 and 70, for “31st July” substitute “30th September”.

Commencement Information

I6 Reg. 7 in force at 30.7.2021, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

Amendments to the Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 **E+W+S**

8.—(1) The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 34(5), for the definition of “the transitional staging period” substitute—
““the transitional staging period” means the period beginning on IP completion day and ending at the end of the day on 30th September 2021.”.

Commencement Information

I7 Reg. 8 in force at 30.7.2021, see **reg. 1(1)(b)**

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) Regulations 2021. (See end of Document for details)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend transitional periods relating to official controls requirements for certain types of animals and goods being imported into Great Britain.

Regulation 2 appoints the end date for “the transitional staging period” (defined in Annex 6 to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (EUR 2017/625)) as 28th February 2022. For certain types of product, the extension of the transitional staging period is to earlier dates: 30th September 2021 and 31st December 2021.

Regulation 3 appoints the end date for the general transitional provision for certain model certificates, as provided for in regulation 33 of the Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1631), as 30th September 2021. Regulations 7 and 8 make amendments also providing for a transitional period for model certificates or other documents to end on 30th September 2021.

Regulations 4 to 6 make amendments resulting from these changes.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact, or no significant impact, on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) Regulations 2021.