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Aflatoxins: There are special conditions governing the Import of certain foodstuffs from specific non-EU countries due to contamination risk of Aflatoxins. Lead Policy Department - The Food Standards Agency (FSA) – <http://www.food.gov.uk/>. HMRC- <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/>

Asbestos: Regulatory procedures for the movement of asbestos and any products to which asbestos has intentionally been added to. Lead department is Defra <http://www.defra.gov.uk>, HMRC - <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/>

Animal Furs: Prevent imports of illegally culled furs. Currently covers harp and hooded baby seal products and cat and dog fur products. Prevent illegal imports from countries using leg hold traps and which have not been approved by the European Commission. Lead Departments: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Department for Business Innovation & Skills <http://www.defra.gov.uk/>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-innovation-skills>

Animal Pathogens: Prevent the illegal import of animal pathogens such as rabies

The role of Border Force Operational Policy team is to formulate Departmental enforcement policy and issue appropriate guidance to UK Border Force staff at the border. Lead department: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

Ammonium Nitrate: regulate large AN imports (over 500kgs). BF will detain non-certified 3rd country consignments on advice from HMRC in order for a physical examination to be undertaken by Trading standards and/or explosives experts.

Chemicals: Regulations on Chemicals which are controlled under REACH, require Prior Informed Consent (PICS), or are controlled under the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Lead department is Defra <http://www.defra.gov.uk>, HMRC - <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/>

Commercial Plant Imports: Controls on all third country imports of plant and plant products including forestry and wood products to ensure that they comply with EU and global phytosanitary legal obligations. Advice on import controls - <http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/> ; and <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/>

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Convention for the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES):

Border Force is responsible for enforcement of CITES controls relating to: The import from or export to non-EU countries (whether or not via another EU Member State) of the controlled species, whether live or dead (e.g. stuffed). This includes parts or derivatives of these species such as blood, ivory, caviar, bones, teeth, furs, timber, plumage and leather goods but not animal waste products like faeces. Lead department: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) <http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

Cultural Goods: prevent imports and exports of tainted cultural objects and enforce export licences on works of art such as paintings, sculptures, statues, furniture, archaeological pieces that have been dug out of the ground, antiques and collectors' items. The Arts Council England is the Export Licensing Unit - <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/>; Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) are responsible for Export Licensing Policy - <http://www.culture.gov.uk/>

Drugs: Prohibitions & Restrictions on the import and export of all controlled drugs including medicines and drugs used in sport

Drug Pre-cursor chemicals: Import and export of chemicals used to manufacture synthetic drugs or drug adulterants

Explosives: regulates imports the importation of explosives which are prohibited unless accompanied by a transfer document known as a Recipient Competent Authority (RCA) document issued by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and will detain pending HSE advice. The Agency should detain any detected importation of civil use explosives not accompanied by a RCA where only a regulatory breach of the transfer controls has occurred, and should be guided by the advice of HSE before releasing the consignment. Lead Department - Health and Safety Executive <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

Feed and Food Imports: The Food Standard Agency (FSA) has lead policy responsibility for controls. Port health or Local Authorities will carry out all documentary, identity and physical checks. <http://www.food.gov.uk/>

Firearms: UK prohibitions and restrictions on imports of firearms and Realistic Imitation Firearms (RIFs) and ammunition. BIS is responsible for issuing

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electronic import licences to commercial importers of firearms and ammunition. Department for Business Innovation & Skills
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Fireworks: Regulatory role. Assisting HSE explosives enforcement officers, Local Authorities, Trading Standards Officers, and the Fire Service to ensure the safe storage of fireworks by providing intelligence to HSE on importers of fireworks, volume and ports of importation.

FLEGT: Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade: Border Force is the enforcement authority at the border with responsibility for taking action on arrival of timber shipments with FLEGT licences from VPA (voluntary partnership agreement) countries
Lead department: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

Foreign Prison Made Goods: Outdated 1898 UK prohibition on imports of goods made by prison labour. Lead Department – Department for Business Innovation & Skills
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-innovation-skills>

Forged Documents: Power to seize false identity documents smuggled into the UK (e.g. sent via post).

Fruit and Vegetables Conformity: regulate to ensure imported fresh fruit and vegetables conform to EC marketing standards before they enter the EU market. For further advice on Import Controls contact:
<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/>

Genetically Modified Rice and Rice Products: The control on the import of Rice and Rice Products originating in or consigned from China. There are special conditions on the import of these products. Lead Policy Department - The Food Standards Agency (FSA) – <http://www.food.gov.uk/> HMRC - <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/>

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Guar Gum and Guar Gum products from India: The control of Imports of Guar Gum, Feed and Food products containing at least 10% guar gum originating in or consigned from India. Lead Policy Department is -The Food Standards Agency (FSA) - <http://www.food.gov.uk/>

High Risk Feed and Food Controls: EU legislation to regulate imports of food products that have a known or high risk of containing contaminants. Lead Policy Department - The Food Standards Agency (FSA) – <http://www.food.gov.uk/> HMRC - <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/>

Hops: Regulate to ensure imported hops meet the criteria set for those produced within the European Community. Lead department: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) <http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

Human Body Parts and Pathogens: not a specific assigned matter but we have guidance in place to cover e.g. repatriation of human remains. Lead Department – Human Tissue Authority: <http://www.hta.gov.uk/>

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing: (including Patagonian tooth fish and tuna) – EU legislation to regulate imports of fish. <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/manage/iuu/>

Indecent and Obscene material: UK import controls on indecent and obscene material including child pornography. Lead Department - <http://www.justice.gov.uk/>

Kimberley Process Diamonds: Border Force is responsible for **preventing illicit** trade in rough diamonds and enforcing the requirements of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) at the frontier. Lead department: Government Diamond Office <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/what-we-do/services-we-deliver/legal-services/050-diamond-office>

Live Animals (non CITES): Lead department is Defra <http://www.defra.gov.uk>. BF contact relevant enforcement authority if any illegal live animals are detected during the course of other checks at the border.

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Mercury export ban: Prevent the export of metallic mercury and prohibited mercury compounds in line with our EU commitments

Lead department: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

Offensive Weapons: UK prohibition on importation of flick and gravity under the Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act and prohibition **and restrictions** in place against designated weapons listed in the Offensive Weapons Order under the Criminal Justice Act.

Ozone Depleting Substances:

The purpose of these controls is to prevent the illicit import and export of ozone depleting substances and goods which contain them, into and out of the European Union (EU). UK Border Force can detain the consignment on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra), Lead Department - The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Defra <http://www.defra.gov.uk>

Plastic Kitchenware: Controls on the Imports of plastic kitchenware originating in or consigned from China and Hong Kong. Lead Policy Department is -The Food Standards Agency (FSA) - <http://www.food.gov.uk/>

Products of Animal Origin: regulate commercial imports; prevent illegal commercial and personal imports, ensure delivery of POAO awareness raising programme.

Lead Department is Defra <http://www.defra.gov.uk>. BF notify HM Revenue and Customs about the activities required to deliver mandatory regulatory activities for customs clearance and operate risk based anti-smuggling controls to detect illegal commercial and personal imports.

Product Safety: Border Force works closely with the of Department for Business Innovation & Skills and Trading Standards in dealing with suspected unsafe and dangerous products detected at the UK border

Lead Department – Department for Business Innovation & Skills
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Radio Transmitters: Border Force works closely with Ofcom to prevent the introduction of unlicensed radio transmitters and broadcasting equipment into the UK

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Lead Department – Ofcom <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/>

Trade diversions of medicines (Tiered Price Products): regulatory controls to ensure medicines supplied at discounted prices to third world countries are not re-imported into the EU. Lead Department – Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority (MHRA) - <http://www.mhra.gov.uk/index.htm#page=DynamicListMedicines>

Trans-frontier shipment of waste: Border Force works closely with Environment Agency for England and Wales and its devolved equivalents in Scotland and Northern Ireland in dealing with any suspected illegal waste movements detected at the UK border
Lead Department: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

Ukrainian Sunflower Oil: Controls on the import of crude and refined sunflower oil from Ukraine. Lead Policy Department - The Food Standards Agency (FSA) – <http://www.food.gov.uk/> HMRC - <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/>

White Phosphorus Matches: Border Force works closely with the Health and Safety Executive to prevent importation of matches made with white phosphorus into the United Kingdom from countries outside of the European Union.
Lead Department - Health and Safety Executive <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>