




NRCS Regulation in 2021

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- Introduction to NRCS-FAI
 - NRCS and Covid-19
 - Impact of Covid-19 on Regulation
 - NRCS and Brexit
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Impact of Brexit on Regulation

Other Regulatory developments

Conclusion



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- Responsible to the Minister of Trade, Industries and Competition
- Administration of Compulsory Specifications (technical regulations) in the Food and related Industries
- To protect human health and safety and the environment
- Competent authority for fish and fishery products

Scope of the FAI Business Unit

FARM to Fork Principle

**ADMINISTER
COMPULSORY
SPECIFICATIONS**
LOCAL PRODUCTION

**REGULATING
IMPORTED PRODUCTS**

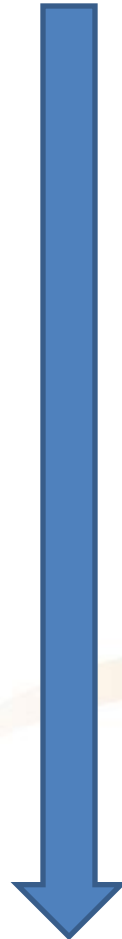
**CERTIFYING
EXPORTED PRODUCTS**

QUALITY SYSTEM

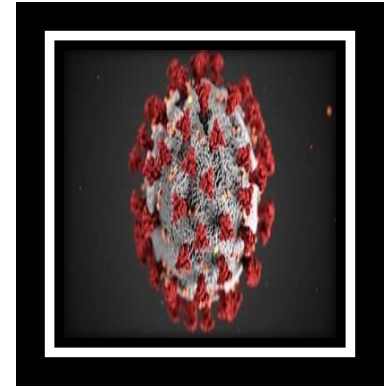
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TECHNICAL SUPPORT



- NRCS Covid -19 plan
- NRCS Risk assessment Policy and Procedures
- NRCS Covid-19 Risk Exposure and Response Framework
- Operational risk assessment and management plans
- Ports of Entry, sampling and inspection points, offices
- Reduced capacity to maintain a fully functional food safety inspection program



- Staff working from home
 - Office hours reduced to prevent exposure risk
 - FBO's are inspected by a hybrid system virtually and physically
 - Food safety verifications are done the same
 - New factories and vessels are inspected physically-deemed high risk
 - Certification of Imports and Exports - unchanged
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- ❑ SADC-EU-Economic Partnership Agreement rolled over to SACUM –UK partnership
- ❑ The DTI negotiated continued recognition of trade value chains during Brexit
- ❑ Agreed that UK safety and health regulations affecting agricultural trade would continue to match those of the EU
- ❑ Trade of Agricultural products unaffected (fish and fishery products)

- ❑ UK Health certificate implemented from 01 January
- ❑ Other official controls-listing of establishments, import regulations, Food Law Regulations to follow
- ❑ Uncertainty whether for example EU audits outcome will impact trade
- ❑ Short term stability with Sanitary requirement
- ❑ Terms and conditions-long term renegotiation



- Scientific epidemiological predictions forecast persistence of Covid -19
- Risk based approach of Regulation
- Virtual Physical hybrid inspection and verification system
- Implementation of new EU and UK Sanitary requirements- export certification and other official controls

- Processed meat VC – further implementation

- Diverse/improved market access for aquaculture products to be still pursued from a sanitary compliance point/angle

- NRCS participating in high level discussions on BMA roll out

- Reviewed VC's to be implemented

- Reviewed/amended SANS's to be implemented – check latest versions (6 months grace period)

- EU audit



- Scientific epidemiological predictions forecasts the persistence of Covid-19
- NRCS continuously responding to latest developments to manage operations- official controls
- All operations are covered-risk based approach
- New or reviewed Post Brexit Sanitary requirements shall be implemented if and when required

