

UK-INDIA OSINT SOURCE GUIDE

12 Essential Sources + Excel Logging Framework

Textiles Focus (Phase 0 Pilot)

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DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

This is the definitive guide for the UK-India Textiles pilot. It formalizes the framework you've been using:

- **12 OSINT Sources:** 4 per index (RPI/LSI/CPI), split UK/India
- **18-Column Logging Framework:** Matching your existing Excel structure
- **Event Type Taxonomy:** 10 standardized event types
- **Index Calculation Logic:** Delta triggers (+1/0/-1) and thresholds
- **Weekly Roll-up Method:** Lane Health status rules
- **Daily SOP:** 40-minute monitoring workflow

Note: This guide documents your existing pilot. Your Excel file already uses this structure.

EXCEL LOGGING FRAMEWORK (18 COLUMNS)

Your UK-India log uses these exact columns:

Column	Purpose	Valid Values / Format
1. Date Observed	When you detected the signal	YYYY-MM-DD
2. Source Layer	Classification of source type	Primary / Market / Logistics / Industry
3. Source Name	Specific source identity	e.g., "DGFT", "UKFT", "Maersk"
4. Source URL	Direct link to information	Full URL
5. Event Type	Categorization of event	10 types (see taxonomy below)
6. Jurisdiction	Geographic scope	UK / India / Bilateral
7. Sector	Industry affected	Textiles (primary for Phase 0)
8. Affected Object	Specific target	HS code / Port name / Process
9. Event Description	Factual summary	Neutral, factual language
10. Event Status	Implementation stage	Draft / Announced / Enforced
11. Confidence Level	Signal reliability	High / Medium / Low
12. Historical Precedent	Has this happened before?	Yes / No
13. Impact Pathway	How it affects trade	Cost / Time / Compliance / Availability
14. Quant Metric Trigger	Measurement indicator	Descriptive (see metrics below)
15. Index Impact	Which index affected	RPI / LSI / CPI
16. Index Delta	Score change	+1 / 0 / -1
17. Analyst Notes	Internal commentary	Free text
18. Reviewed	QA status	Yes / No

EVENT TYPE TAXONOMY (Column 5)

Use these 10 standardized event types. Do NOT create new categories.

Event Type	Definition	Example (UK-India Context)
Regulation	Official rule/policy change	DGFT issues new export documentation requirement for textiles
FX Volatility	Currency rate movement	INR/GBP moves 3% in single day
Port Congestion	Terminal capacity/dwell issues	JNPT yard congestion advisory issued
Enforcement	Compliance scrutiny change	UKFT reports increased labelling scrutiny at UK customs
Trade Remedy	Anti-dumping/safeguard	UK TRA investigation on India textile imports
Shipping Schedule	Carrier service change	Maersk blank sailing on India-UK route
Customs	Clearance procedure change	HMRC updates commodity code guidance for textiles
Input Price	Raw material cost change	Cotton benchmark increases 15% over 3 weeks
Port Operations	Normal/abnormal status	Felixstowe confirms normal operations (baseline)
Other	Use sparingly	Only if truly doesn't fit above 9 types

SOURCE LAYER CLASSIFICATION (Column 2)

Classify each source into one of four layers:

Source Layer	Definition	UK-India Examples
Primary	Official government/regulatory bodies	DGFT, HMRC, UK DBT, India Ministry of Textiles
Market	Financial markets, FX rates, commodity prices	INR/GBP rate (XE.com), Cotton prices (ICAC)
Logistics	Ports, carriers, terminal operators	JNPT, Felixstowe, Maersk, MSC
Industry	Trade associations, chambers, forwarders	UKFT, FIEO, freight forwarder advisories

QUANTITATIVE METRICS TRIGGERED (Column 14)

These are the specific measurements that trigger index deltas:

Index	Quantitative Metric Examples
RPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulatory update count +1• Enforcement mention count +1• Guidance update count +1• New certification requirement count +1• Status index moved to Draft/Announced
LSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Congestion advisory issued• Blank sailing count +1• Dwell time increase >20%• Port closure days +N• Booking rollover mentioned• No disruption (baseline confirm) = 0
CPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FX volatility spike (>2% single day)• Input price % change >10% over 3 weeks• Tariff rate change (percentage point increase)• Freight rate increase >15%• Surcharge introduction

INDEX DELTA CALCULATION LOGIC (Column 16)

Apply these rules to determine if an event scores +1, 0, or -1 for each index:

RPI (REGULATORY PRESSURE INDEX) DELTA RULES

+1 Triggers:

- New regulation announced (Draft or Announced status)
- Enforcement pattern change reported by 2+ sources
- Customs guidance update affecting procedures
- New certification/documentation requirement
- Trade remedy investigation initiated or escalated

0 Triggers (Log but no index impact):

- Routine guidance reminders with no new requirements
- Draft regulations not yet moving to Announced
- Single-source enforcement mentions (unverified)

-1 Triggers (Rarely used):

- Explicit regulatory relief (e.g., simplified procedures announced)
- Trade remedy case terminated/withdrawn

LSI (LOGISTICS STRESS INDEX) DELTA RULES

+1 Triggers:

- Port congestion advisory issued
- Carrier blank sailing announced on India-UK route
- Container dwell time increase >20% from baseline
- Port/terminal closure or capacity constraint
- Schedule reliability deterioration reported
- Broker mentions 'booking rollover' or 'equipment shortage'

0 Triggers (Baseline confirmation):

- Port operations reported as normal
- Scheduled maintenance (announced in advance, no disruption)
- Single blank sailing that's routine schedule adjustment

-1 Triggers:

- Congestion explicitly resolved (port advisory rescinded)
- Capacity increase/new terminal opening

CPI (COST PRESSURE INDEX) DELTA RULES

+1 Triggers:

- FX volatility: INR/GBP moves >2% in single day OR >5% over 1 week
- Input cost increase: Cotton/yarn >10% over 3-4 weeks (sustained)
- Tariff rate increase announced
- Trade remedy duty imposed or increased
- Freight rate increase >15% week-over-week (if tracking)

0 Triggers:

- FX movement <1% daily (normal volatility)
- Input prices fluctuating within normal range (<5% weekly)
- Tariff rates unchanged

-1 Triggers:

- Tariff rate decrease announced
- Trade remedy duty reduced or removed
- Input price collapse (>15% decline over 2 weeks)

WEEKLY ROLL-UP & LANE HEALTH CALCULATION

At end of week, sum all index deltas and apply Lane Health rules:

CALCULATION METHOD

1. Sum all RPI deltas for the week → **RPI Total**
2. Sum all LSI deltas for the week → **LSI Total**
3. Sum all CPI deltas for the week → **CPI Total**
4. Calculate **Combined Total** = RPI + LSI + CPI
5. Apply Lane Health threshold rules below

LANE HEALTH STATUS RULES

Combined Total	Lane Health Status	Meaning
0-3 points	STABLE	Baseline conditions. Minimal deviation. No client action needed.
4-7 points	WATCH	Moderate activity. Patterns emerging. Clients should monitor closely.
8+ points	ACTIVE	High signal volume. Multiple pressures detected. Client action likely needed.

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT DATA

Week of Jan 19-23, 2026 (from your simulated log):

- Jan 19: DGFT notification (+1 RPI), INR/GBP volatility (+1 CPI)
- Jan 20: JNPT congestion (+1 LSI), UKFT enforcement alert (+1 RPI)
- Jan 21: TRA investigation update (+1 RPI), Carrier blank sailing (+1 LSI)
- Jan 22: Forwarder advisory (+1 RPI), Cotton price increase (+1 CPI)
- Jan 23: HMRC guidance (+1 RPI), Felixstowe normal ops (0 LSI)

Weekly Totals: RPI = 5, LSI = 2, CPI = 2

Combined Total: 5 + 2 + 2 = 9 points

Lane Health: ACTIVE (8+ range)

THE 12 OSINT SOURCES FOR UK-INDIA

These sources map directly to your Excel logging framework. Each source includes the exact Event Type, Source Layer, and typical Index Impact to use when logging.

#	Source Name	Layer	Typical Event Type	Primary Index
1	DGFT	Primary	Regulation	RPI
2	HMRC	Primary	Regulation / Customs	RPI
3	UKFT	Industry	Enforcement	RPI
4	UK Trade Remedies Authority	Primary	Trade Remedy	RPI
5	JNPT Port Authority	Logistics	Port Congestion / Operations	LSI
6	Port of Felixstowe	Logistics	Port Operations	LSI
7	Maersk / MSC Advisories	Logistics	Shipping Schedule	LSI
8	The Loadstar	Industry	Various (cost/logistics)	LSI/CPI
9	INR/GBP Rate (XE.com)	Market	FX Volatility	CPI
10	Cotton Prices (ICAC)	Market	Input Price	CPI
11	Freight Rate Indices	Market	Input Price (freight)	CPI
12	Freight Forwarder Posts	Industry	Customs / Logistics	RPI/LSI

RPI SOURCES (4 SOURCES)

SOURCE 1: DGFT - Directorate General of Foreign Trade (India Side)

URL: <https://dgft.gov.in/>

Check: Daily (Morning, 5 min)

Section: Notifications / Public Notices

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Primary
- **Source Name:** DGFT (India) Notifications
- **Event Type:** Regulation
- **Jurisdiction:** India
- **Sector:** Textiles
- **Affected Object:** Export documentation process / HS codes 50-63
- **Index Impact:** RPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Regulatory update count +1' OR 'Certification requirement change'

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Keywords: 'Export', 'Textiles', 'HS 50-63', 'Documentation', 'Certificate', 'Amendment'
- Procedural clarifications affecting export shipments
- New documentary requirements

WHAT TO IGNORE:

- Import regulations (you're tracking exports)
- Non-textile sectors
- General export growth statistics

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-19 | **Event Description:** DGFT notice clarified documentary requirements for textile export shipments | **Event Status:** Announced | **Confidence:** Medium | **Historical Precedent:** Yes | **Impact Pathway:** Compliance | **Delta:** +1 | **Analyst Notes:** Treat as watch - clarification can increase scrutiny

SOURCE 2: HMRC / UK Customs (UK Side)

URL: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs>

Check: Daily (Morning, 5 min)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Primary
- **Source Name:** HMRC / UK Customs Update
- **Event Type:** Enforcement OR Customs
- **Jurisdiction:** UK
- **Affected Object:** Textile declarations / HS classification / Import procedures
- **Index Impact:** RPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Guidance update count +1'

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-23 | **Event Description:** UK customs guidance reminder emphasized accurate commodity codes for textiles | **Confidence:** High | **Impact Pathway:** Compliance;Time | **Delta:** +1

SOURCE 3: UK Fashion & Textile Association (UK Side)

URL: <https://www.ukft.org/news/>

Check: Daily (Afternoon, 3 min)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Industry
- **Source Name:** UKFT (UK Fashion & Textile Association)
- **Event Type:** Enforcement
- **Jurisdiction:** UK
- **Affected Object:** Labelling compliance / Import inspection
- **Index Impact:** RPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Enforcement mention count +1'

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-20 | **Event Description:** Industry bulletin highlighted increased scrutiny on garment fibre-content labelling | **Confidence:** Medium | **Delta:** +1 | **Analyst Notes:** Operator confirmation needed

SOURCE 4: UK Trade Remedies Authority (UK Side)

URL: <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases/>

Check: Weekly (Friday, 5 min)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Primary
- **Event Type:** Trade Remedy
- **Jurisdiction:** UK
- **Affected Object:** HS code group (textiles)
- **Index Impact:** RPI (and CPI when duties imposed)
- **Quant Metric:** 'Status index moved to Draft/Announced/Enforced'

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-21 | **Event Description:** TRA noted progress in investigation on textile HS group | **Event Status:** Draft | **Delta:** +1 | **Analyst Notes:** Not actionable until provisional measures

LSI SOURCES (4 SOURCES)

SOURCE 5: JNPT - Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (India Side)

URL: <https://www.jnport.gov.in/>

Check: Daily (Morning, 3 min)

Reality Check: Homepage banner only - don't deep-dive PDFs

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Logistics
- **Source Name:** JNPT (Nhava Sheva) Port Advisory
- **Event Type:** Port Congestion OR Port Operations
- **Jurisdiction:** India
- **Affected Object:** JNPT / Container dwell time
- **Index Impact:** LSI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Congestion advisory issued' OR 'Dwell time increase >20%'

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-20 | **Event Description:** Port advisory indicated yard congestion and longer gate processing times | **Confidence:** Medium | **Impact Pathway:** Time | **Delta:** +1

SOURCE 6: Port of Felixstowe (UK Side)

URL: <https://www.portoffelixstowe.co.uk/operations/news/>

Check: Daily (Morning, 3 min)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Logistics
- **Event Type:** Port Operations
- **Jurisdiction:** UK
- **Affected Object:** UK terminal operations
- **Index Impact:** LSI
- **Quant Metric:** 'No disruption (baseline confirm)' when normal

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-23 | **Event Description:** Terminal operations update indicated normal operations | **Confidence:** High | **Delta:** 0 | **Analyst Notes:** Include in 'What Did Not Change'

SOURCE 7: Carrier Service Notices - Maersk/MSC/CMA CGM (Bilateral)

URLs:

- Maersk: <https://www.maersk.com/news/advisories>
- MSC: <https://www.msc.com/en/news-and-media>

Check: Daily (Morning, 3 min total for all carriers)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Logistics
- **Source Name:** Carrier Service Notice (Generic) OR specific carrier name
- **Event Type:** Shipping Schedule
- **Jurisdiction:** Bilateral
- **Affected Object:** India→UK service string
- **Index Impact:** LSI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Blank sailing count +1'

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-21 | **Event Description:** Carrier service notice indicated one blank sailing affecting India→UK connections | **Confidence:** Medium | **Delta:** +1

SOURCE 8: The Loadstar - India Coverage (Industry Intelligence)

URL: <https://theloadstar.com/?s=india>

Check: Daily (Afternoon, 3 min)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Industry
- **Event Type:** Port Congestion OR Shipping Schedule (varies by article)
- **Jurisdiction:** India OR Bilateral
- **Index Impact:** LSI (primarily) OR CPI (if cost-focused)

NOTE: The Loadstar often reports logistics issues before official port advisories. Treat as early warning.

CPI SOURCES (4 SOURCES)

SOURCE 9: INR/GBP Exchange Rate (India Side)

URL: <https://www.xe.com/currencycharts/?from=INR&to=GBP>

Check: Daily (Afternoon, 3 min)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Market
- **Source Name:** INR/GBP (FX)
- **Event Type:** FX Volatility
- **Jurisdiction:** Bilateral
- **Affected Object:** Input cost (FX) / Payment terms
- **Index Impact:** CPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'FX volatility spike' OR 'FX stable'

DELTA TRIGGERS:

- **+1:** INR/GBP moves >2% in single day OR >5% over 1 week
- **0:** Daily movement <1% (normal volatility)

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-19 | **Event Description:** INR moved sharply against GBP, increasing FX volatility | **Confidence:** High | **Delta:** +1 | **Analyst Notes:** Flag only if sustained >1 week

SOURCE 10: Cotton Benchmark Prices (Bilateral)

URL: <https://www.icac.org/Market-Information/Cotton-Prices>

Check: Weekly (Friday, 5 min)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Market
- **Source Name:** Cotton Benchmark (Indicative)
- **Event Type:** Input Price
- **Jurisdiction:** Bilateral
- **Affected Object:** Cotton/yarn input cost
- **Index Impact:** CPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Input price % change +'

DELTA TRIGGERS:

- **+1:** Cotlook A Index increases >10% over 3-4 weeks (sustained)
- **0:** Weekly fluctuations <5%

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-22 | **Event Description:** Cotton benchmark moved upward week-on-week |
Confidence: Medium | **Delta:** +1 | **Analyst Notes:** Only matters if sustained 3-4 weeks

SOURCE 11: Freight Rate Indices (Optional)

URL: <https://fbx.freightos.com/> (Freightos Baltic Index)

Check: Weekly (Friday, 5 min)

- **Source Layer:** Market
- **Event Type:** Input Price
- **Index Impact:** CPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Freight rate increase >15%'

SOURCE 12: Freight Forwarder LinkedIn Posts (Industry Intelligence)

Method: Follow 3-5 specific UK forwarders with India specialization

Check: Daily (Afternoon, 5 min)

EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Industry
- **Source Name:** Freight Forwarder Advisory (UK)
- **Event Type:** Customs OR Enforcement (depends on post content)
- **Jurisdiction:** UK OR India
- **Index Impact:** RPI OR LSI (depends on content)

EXAMPLE FROM YOUR PILOT:

Date: 2026-01-22 | **Event Description:** Forwarder reported occasional requests for additional documentation | **Confidence:** Low | **Delta:** +1 | **Analyst Notes:** Low confidence until repeated

CRITICAL: Only follow 5 specific accounts. Do not scroll through general feeds. See guide for list.

DAILY MONITORING SOP

Follow this exact workflow every day. Your pilot already uses this structure.

MORNING ROUTINE (28 MINUTES)

1. Open Excel: Advuman_UK-India_Textiles_Pilot.xlsx → OSINT_Log sheet
2. Check RPI sources (13 min):
 - DGFT (5 min) - Scan notifications for textile mentions
 - HMRC (5 min) - Check guidance updates
 - UKFT (3 min) - Scan news headlines
3. Check LSI sources (9 min):
 - JNPT (3 min) - Homepage banner only
 - Felixstowe (3 min) - Operational news
 - Maersk/MSC (3 min) - Service advisories for India routes
4. Log all findings (6 min):
 - Create new row for each source checked
 - Fill all 18 columns
 - Even if 'No updates' - log it as baseline

AFTERNOON ROUTINE (12 MINUTES)

1. Check CPI sources (9 min):
 - INR/GBP rate (3 min) - Note daily % change
 - The Loadstar search 'India' (3 min) - Last 3 days headlines
 - LinkedIn forwarders (3 min) - Check your 5 specific accounts
2. Review and flag (3 min):
 - Any potential signals needing verification?
 - Any items to cross-check tomorrow?

FRIDAY ADDITIONS (23 MINUTES)

1. Check weekly sources (8 min):
 - UK TRA cases (5 min) - Filter for textiles
 - Cotton prices (3 min) - Note % change from last week
2. Calculate weekly roll-up (15 min):
 - Open Weekly_Summary sheet
 - Sum RPI deltas from OSINT_Log (filter by date range)
 - Sum LSI deltas
 - Sum CPI deltas
 - Calculate combined total

- Determine Lane Health (0-3=STABLE, 4-7=WATCH, 8+=ACTIVE)
- Create new row in Weekly_Summary

TOTAL WEEKLY TIME: 28 min × 4 days + 51 min Friday = 163 minutes (2.7 hours)

CRITICAL OPERATIONAL REMINDERS

1. YOUR PILOT IS ALREADY WORKING

This guide documents what you've already proven works. Continue using the same structure. The simulated data in your Excel shows the correct format.

2. JNPT IS DELIBERATELY SIMPLIFIED

You identified this: JNPT's website is difficult. Your pilot logs show you're checking homepage only. This is correct. Don't waste time on PDFs. Use The Loadstar as backup.

3. MOST WEEKS ARE STABLE

Your simulated week showed 9 points (ACTIVE). Real weeks will often be 0-3 (STABLE). This is normal. Don't feel pressure to find signals when there aren't any.

4. BASELINE LOGGING MATTERS

Your pilot correctly logs 'No disruption (baseline confirm)' for Felixstowe. Always log baseline confirmations - they belong in 'What Did Not Change' section of briefs.

5. DELTA DISCIPLINE

Your pilot shows correct delta assignment. FX spike = +1. Port congestion = +1. Normal ops = 0. Continue this discipline. Don't inflate scores.

EXPECTED SIGNAL FREQUENCY: UK-INDIA TEXTILES

Week Type	RPI	LSI	CPI	Combined	Lane Health	Frequency
Quiet Week	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	STABLE	~60% of weeks
Normal Week	1-2	1	1-2	4-7	WATCH	~30% of weeks
Active Week	2-3	1-2	1-2	8-12	ACTIVE	~10% of weeks

END OF GUIDE

This guide formalizes your working UK-India Textiles pilot. Use the same framework for UK-Vietnam.