

# UK-VIETNAM OSINT SOURCE GUIDE

12 Essential Sources + Excel Logging Framework

Textiles & Electronics Focus

**CONFIDENTIAL — INTERNAL USE ONLY**

Advuman Intelligence Operations • February 2026

# DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

This guide mirrors the UK-India Textiles pilot framework. It includes:

- **12 OSINT Sources:** 4 per index (RPI/LSI/CPI), split UK/Vietnam
- **18-Column Logging Framework:** Matching your UK-India Excel structure exactly
- **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

**Companion Excel File:** UK\_Vietnam\_OSINT\_Log.xlsx (structured identically to your UK-India pilot)

# EXCEL LOGGING FRAMEWORK (18 COLUMNS)

Your UK-Vietnam log must use these exact columns to maintain consistency with UK-India:

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., "Vietnam Customs", "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 / Vietnam / Bilateral
7. Sector	Industry affected	Textiles / Electronics / Both
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-Vietnam Context)
Regulation	Official rule/policy change	Vietnam Customs issues new export certificate requirement
FX Volatility	Currency rate movement	VND/GBP moves 3% in single day
Port Congestion	Terminal capacity/dwell issues	Saigon Port yard congestion advisory
Enforcement	Compliance scrutiny change	UK customs increases textile inspection rate
Trade Remedy	Anti-dumping/safeguard	UK TRA initiates investigation on Vietnam textiles
Shipping Schedule	Carrier service change	Maersk blank sailing on Vietnam-UK route
Customs	Clearance procedure change	New documentation requirement at UK border
Input Price	Raw material cost change	Cotton price increases 15% in 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-Vietnam Examples
Primary	Official government/regulatory bodies	HMRC, Vietnam Customs, UK DBT, Vietnam MOIT
Market	Financial markets, FX rates, commodity prices	USD/GBP rate (XE.com), FBX freight index
Logistics	Ports, carriers, terminal operators	Felixstowe, Maersk, Saigon Port, Haiphong
Industry	Trade associations, chambers, forwarders	UKFT equivalent, 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"><li>• Regulatory update count +1</li><li>• Enforcement mention count +1</li><li>• Guidance update count +1</li><li>• New certification requirement count +1</li></ul>
LSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Congestion advisory issued</li><li>• Blank sailing count +1</li><li>• Dwell time increase &gt;20%</li><li>• Port closure days +N</li><li>• No disruption (baseline confirm) = 0</li></ul>
CPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FX volatility spike (&gt;2% single day)</li><li>• Freight rate increase &gt;15% week-over-week</li><li>• Input price % change &gt;10% over 3 weeks</li><li>• Tariff rate change (percentage point increase)</li><li>• Surcharge introduction</li></ul>

## 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 Vietnam-UK route
- Container dwell time increase >20% from baseline
- Port/terminal closure or capacity constraint
- Schedule reliability deterioration reported

#### 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: VND/GBP moves >2% in single day OR >5% over 1 week
- Freight rate increase: >15% week-over-week
- Input cost increase: >10% over 3-4 weeks (sustained)
- Tariff rate increase announced
- New surcharge introduced (BAF, peak season, congestion)

### **0 Triggers:**

- FX movement <1% daily (normal volatility)
- Freight rates stable or <10% change
- Input prices fluctuating within normal range

### **-1 Triggers:**

- Tariff rate decrease announced
- Surcharge removed
- Freight rate collapse (>20% decline in week)

# 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 WEEKLY CALCULATION

Week of Feb 10-16, 2026:

- Monday: Vietnam Customs new regulation (+1 RPI)
- Tuesday: Felixstowe normal ops (0 LSI), VND/GBP stable (0 CPI)
- Wednesday: Maersk blank sailing (+1 LSI)
- Thursday: Freight rates up 18% (+1 CPI)
- Friday: HMRC guidance update (+1 RPI)

**Weekly Totals:** RPI = 2, LSI = 1, CPI = 1

**Combined Total:** 2 + 1 + 1 = 4 points

**Lane Health:** WATCH (4-7 range)



## THE 12 OSINT SOURCES FOR UK-VIETNAM

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	HMRC	Primary	Regulation / Customs	RPI
2	UK Dept Business & Trade	Primary	Regulation	RPI
3	Vietnam Customs	Primary	Regulation / Enforcement	RPI
4	Vietnam MOIT	Primary	Regulation	RPI
5	Port of Felixstowe	Logistics	Port Operations / Congestion	LSI
6	Maersk Advisories	Logistics	Shipping Schedule	LSI
7	Saigon Newport	Logistics	Port Congestion / Operations	LSI
8	Vietnam Seaports Assoc	Logistics	Port Operations	LSI
9	UK Trade Tariff	Primary	Trade Remedy / Regulation	CPI
10	Freightos Baltic Index	Market	Input Price (freight)	CPI
11	VND/GBP Rate (XE.com)	Market	FX Volatility	CPI
12	The Loadstar	Industry	Various (cost/logistics)	CPI/LSI

## RPI SOURCES (4 SOURCES)

### SOURCE 1: HMRC (UK Side)

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

**Check:** Daily (Morning, 5 min)

**Section:** News → Guidance updates

#### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Primary
- **Source Name:** HMRC / UK Customs
- **Event Type:** Regulation (for policy) OR Customs (for procedures)
- **Jurisdiction:** UK
- **Sector:** Textiles / Electronics / Both
- **Affected Object:** HS codes / Import procedures / Origin certificates
- **Index Impact:** RPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Guidance update count +1' OR 'Customs procedure change'

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Keywords: 'Vietnam', 'ASEAN', 'commodity codes', 'origin certificates'
- UKVFTA guidance changes
- CDS updates affecting Vietnam imports

#### EXAMPLE LOG ENTRY:

**Date:** 2026-02-10 | **Source Layer:** Primary | **Source Name:** HMRC | **Event Type:** Regulation | **Jurisdiction:** UK | **Sector:** Textiles | **Event Description:** HMRC updated guidance on EUR.1 certificate requirements for Vietnam textiles under UKVFTA | **Confidence:** High | **Index Impact:** RPI | **Delta:** +1

### SOURCE 2: UK Department for Business and Trade (UK Side)

**URL:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-and-trade>

**Check:** Weekly (Friday, 5 min)

#### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Primary
- **Event Type:** Regulation
- **Index Impact:** RPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Trade policy update' OR 'Export control change'

## SOURCE 3: Vietnam General Department of Customs (Vietnam Side)

**URL:** <https://www.customs.gov.vn/English/>

**Check:** Daily (Morning, 5 min)

### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Primary
- **Source Name:** Vietnam Customs / GDVC
- **Event Type:** Regulation OR Enforcement
- **Jurisdiction:** Vietnam
- **Affected Object:** Export certificates / Documentation / HS codes
- **Index Impact:** RPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Regulatory update count +1' OR 'Certification requirement change'

### EXAMPLE LOG ENTRY:

**Event Description:** Vietnam Customs Circular 15/2026 requires additional phytosanitary certificates for textile exports containing natural fibers | **Event Status:** Announced | **Confidence:** High | **Historical Precedent:** Yes (similar requirement in 2023) | **Impact Pathway:** Compliance | **Delta:** +1

## SOURCE 4: Vietnam Ministry of Industry and Trade (Vietnam Side)

**URL:** <https://moit.gov.vn/en/>

**Check:** Weekly (Friday, 5 min)

### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Primary
- **Event Type:** Regulation
- **Index Impact:** RPI

## LSI SOURCES (4 SOURCES)

### SOURCE 5: Port of Felixstowe (UK Side)

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

Check: Daily (Morning, 3 min)

#### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Logistics
- **Source Name:** Port of Felixstowe
- **Event Type:** Port Operations OR Port Congestion
- **Jurisdiction:** UK
- **Affected Object:** Felixstowe terminal / Container operations
- **Index Impact:** LSI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Congestion advisory issued' OR 'No disruption (baseline confirm)'

#### EXAMPLE LOG ENTRIES:

**Signal:** Port advisory indicates truck appointment system delays | **Event Status:** Announced | **Confidence:** High | **Impact Pathway:** Time | **Delta:** +1

**Baseline:** Operational update confirms normal terminal operations | **Event Status:** Announced | **Confidence:** High | **Impact Pathway:** Time | **Delta:** 0 | **Analyst Notes:** Include in 'What Did Not Change'

### SOURCE 6: Maersk Service Advisories (UK Side)

URL: <https://www.maersk.com/news/advisories>

Check: Daily (Morning, 3 min)

#### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Logistics
- **Source Name:** Maersk Line
- **Event Type:** Shipping Schedule
- **Jurisdiction:** Bilateral
- **Affected Object:** Vietnam→UK service string / AE service route
- **Index Impact:** LSI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Blank sailing count +1' OR 'Schedule change Vietnam-UK'

#### EXAMPLE LOG ENTRY:

**Event Description:** Maersk announces blank sailing on AE7 service affecting Cat Lai (Saigon) departure scheduled for March 5 | **Confidence:** High | **Historical Precedent:** Yes (blank sailings common in Q1) | **Impact Pathway:** Time | **Delta:** +1

## SOURCE 7: Saigon Newport Corporation (Vietnam Side)

**URL:** <http://www.snp.com.vn/en/>

**Check:** Daily (Morning, 3 min)

### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Logistics
- **Event Type:** Port Congestion OR Port Operations
- **Jurisdiction:** Vietnam
- **Affected Object:** Cat Lai terminal / HCMC port / Container dwell time
- **Index Impact:** LSI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Congestion advisory issued' OR 'Dwell time increase >20%'

## SOURCE 8: Vietnam Seaports Association (Vietnam Side)

**URL:** <https://vietnamseaports.com.vn/en/>

**Check:** Weekly (Friday, 3 min)

- **Source Layer:** Logistics
- **Event Type:** Port Operations

## CPI SOURCES (4 SOURCES)

### SOURCE 9: UK Trade Tariff Service (UK Side)

**URL:** <https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/>

**Check:** Weekly (Friday, 5 min)

#### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Primary
- **Source Name:** UK Trade Tariff / UK TRA
- **Event Type:** Trade Remedy (for investigations) OR Regulation (for tariff changes)
- **Jurisdiction:** UK
- **Affected Object:** HS codes 61-62 (textiles) / 85 (electronics) / 64 (footwear)
- **Index Impact:** CPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Tariff rate change +X percentage points' OR 'AD duty imposed'

#### EXAMPLE LOG ENTRY:

**Event Description:** UK TRA initiates anti-dumping investigation on Vietnam textile imports (HS 6204) | **Event Status:** Draft | **Confidence:** High | **Historical Precedent:** No | **Impact Pathway:** Cost | **Delta:** +1 | **Analyst Notes:** Not actionable until provisional measures

### SOURCE 10: Freightos Baltic Index (UK Side)

**URL:** <https://fbx.freightos.com/>

**Check:** Weekly (Friday, 5 min)

#### EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Market
- **Source Name:** Freightos Baltic Index (FBX)
- **Event Type:** Input Price
- **Jurisdiction:** Bilateral
- **Affected Object:** Container freight rates / Far East Asia to N.Europe
- **Index Impact:** CPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'Freight rate increase >15% week-over-week'

#### EXAMPLE LOG ENTRY:

**Event Description:** FBX Far East Asia to N.Europe index increased from \$1,250 to \$1,450 per FEU (16% week-over-week) | **Event Status:** Announced | **Confidence:** High | **Impact Pathway:** Cost | **Delta:** +1

# SOURCE 11: VND/GBP Exchange Rate (Vietnam Side)

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

Check: Daily (Afternoon, 3 min)

## EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Market
- **Source Name:** VND/GBP Exchange Rate (XE.com)
- **Event Type:** FX Volatility
- **Jurisdiction:** Bilateral
- **Affected Object:** Currency exchange / Payment terms
- **Index Impact:** CPI
- **Quant Metric:** 'FX volatility spike (>2% single day)' OR 'FX stable'

## DELTA TRIGGERS:

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

## EXAMPLE LOG ENTRY:

**Event Description:** VND depreciated 2.8% against GBP in single day (31,200 to 32,074 VND/GBP) | **Event Status:** Announced | **Confidence:** High | **Historical Precedent:** Yes (similar move in Q4 2025) | **Impact Pathway:** Cost | **Delta:** +1 | **Analyst Notes:** Monitor for sustained trend

# SOURCE 12: The Loadstar - Vietnam Coverage (Vietnam Side)

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

Check: Daily (Afternoon, 3 min)

## EXCEL LOGGING VALUES:

- **Source Layer:** Industry
- **Source Name:** The Loadstar
- **Event Type:** Input Price (for cost) OR Shipping Schedule (for logistics)
- **Jurisdiction:** Bilateral OR Vietnam
- **Index Impact:** CPI (primarily) OR LSI (if logistics-focused article)
- **Quant Metric:** Varies - cite specific cost increase mentioned in article

## EXAMPLE LOG ENTRY:



**Event Description:** The Loadstar reports Vietnam garment exporters passing 12% cost increases to buyers due to rising cotton and labor costs | **Event Status:** Announced | **Confidence:** Medium (trade press citing industry sources) | **Impact Pathway:** Cost | **Delta:** +1

# DAILY MONITORING SOP

Follow this exact workflow every day. Log EVERY source check, even if nothing found.

## MORNING ROUTINE (28 MINUTES)

1. Open Excel file: UK\_Vietnam\_OSINT\_Log.xlsx
2. Create new row with today's date
3. Check RPI sources (12 min):
  - HMRC (5 min) - Log findings or 'No updates'
  - Vietnam Customs (5 min) - Log findings or 'No updates'
  - For each finding: Fill all 18 columns
4. Check LSI sources (9 min):
  - Felixstowe (3 min)
  - Maersk (3 min)
  - Saigon Port (3 min)
5. Check CPI sources (6 min):
  - VND/GBP rate (3 min) - Always log current rate
  - The Loadstar (3 min)
6. Review entries (3 min):
  - Verify all 18 columns filled
  - Assign index deltas correctly
  - Flag any items needing verification

## FRIDAY ADDITIONS (38 MINUTES)

1. Check weekly RPI sources (10 min):
  - UK Dept Business & Trade (5 min)
  - Vietnam MOIT (5 min)
2. Check weekly LSI source (3 min):
  - Vietnam Seaports Association
3. Check weekly CPI sources (10 min):
  - UK Trade Tariff (5 min) - Search HS 61, 62, 64, 85
  - FBX Index (5 min) - Note weekly rate change
4. Calculate weekly roll-up (15 min):
  - Sum RPI deltas for week
  - Sum LSI deltas for week
  - Sum CPI deltas for week
  - Calculate combined total
  - Determine Lane Health status
  - Update Weekly\_Summary sheet

# CRITICAL LOGGING REMINDERS

## 1. EVERY SOURCE CHECK GETS LOGGED

Even if you find nothing, create a row that says 'No updates' or 'Normal operations'. This proves you checked and establishes baseline.

## 2. USE EXACT TAXONOMY VALUES

Do not invent new Event Types, Source Layers, or Impact Pathways. Use only the values defined in this guide. Consistency across UK-India and UK-Vietnam is critical for analysis.

## 3. DELTA LOGIC IS NON-NEGOTIABLE

Follow the +1/0/-1 rules exactly. Do not assign +1 just because something happened - only assign +1 if it meets the specific threshold criteria (e.g., >2% FX move, port congestion advisory).

## 4. CONFIDENCE MUST MATCH SOURCE QUALITY

- **High:** Official government source (HMRC, Vietnam Customs, port authority official notice)
- **Medium:** Industry association, carrier official advisory, FX/market data
- **Low:** Trade press citing unnamed sources, unverified operator reports

## 5. HISTORICAL PRECEDENT MATTERS

Always check if similar events happened before. Reference your own logs. If Vietnam Customs issued similar regulation in 2024, note this in Historical Precedent (Yes) and Analyst Notes.

## 6. ANALYST NOTES ARE FOR CONTEXT

Use this field for:

- Internal decision-making notes ('Watch if sustained >1 week')
- Cross-references to other signals ('Links to Feb 5 port congestion')
- Publication decisions ('Do not publish - single source only')
- Client guidance ('Advise clients to verify HS classification')

# EXPECTED SIGNAL FREQUENCY: UK-VIETNAM

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

**Reality Check:** Most weeks will be STABLE (0-3 signals total). This is normal and expected. If you're consistently logging 8+ signals every week, you're likely over-indexing noise.

## END OF GUIDE

Companion Excel file (UK\_Vietnam\_OSINT\_Log.xlsx) structured identically to UK-India pilot for consistency.