Appendix C – Example of control effectiveness ratings

Rating	Description	Impact on Risk Rating
Effective	Risk exposure is effectively controlled and managed	Where controls are deemed to be effective, the residual risk rating is usually expected to be lower than the inherent risk rating. However, for some risks, where it's only possible to reduce the likelihood of the risk and not the impact, the residual risk rating may remain High despite having effective controls in place.
Partially Effective	Some of the risk exposure is controlled; however, there are some deficiencies in control measures	Depending on the nature of the deficiencies identified, partially effective controls may still reduce the inherent risk rating. However, take care to carefully assess the nature of the deficiencies to ensure an accurate assessment of their impact on the residual likelihood and impact ratings.
Ineffective	Control measures are ineffective	Typically, an ineffective rating would not be expected to reduce the residual risk rating. If this is the case, re-review your assessment of the residual likelihood and impact ratings to ensure these are accurate.