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Import of Beeswax for Technical and Cosmetic purposes

Import Information Note (IIN) ABP/32

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1. General Information

This Import Information Note (IIN) must be read in conjunction with the IIN for general information for imports of animal by-products (ABP), which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.

[General information for imports of animal by-products \(ABP\) \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk)

References to European Union (EU) legislation within this document are references to direct EU Legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated direct legislation), as defined in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 and can be viewed on the UK legislation website ([legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)).

2. Scope

This IIN covers beeswax for technical and cosmetic purposes and purposes other than feeding to farmed animals. In some cases the IIN for intermediate products ([IIN ABP 20](#)) may also be appropriate, and importers should check the conditions of both IINs before proceeding.

Beeswax in the form of honeycomb is not permitted to be imported.

For imports of beeswax for apiculture use (beekeeping) please see guidance in [IIN ABP 13](#).

The beeswax must only be derived from Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10(e) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#).

3. Production standards

- The beeswax must have been produced in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 1, Table 2, row 10 of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).
- It must be refined before importation;

OR

- It must have been processed in accordance with processing methods 1 to 5 or 7, as set out in Annex IV, Chapter III of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#) before importation.

4. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from any country.

5. Approved establishments

Products must be produced in an establishment approved to export to Great Britain. Importers should check prior to importation that the premises are listed on the correct list.

Consolidated lists of approved establishments/plants are available on:

- data.gov.uk for **non-EU countries**
- and [here](#) for **EU Countries**

If the establishment or plant is not listed, importers are urged to contact the company concerned, who should contact their competent authority immediately. If the plant is not

included on the appropriate list when veterinary checks are carried out the consignment is likely to be held and could be rejected and re-exported or destroyed.

6. Health certification/documentation

The beeswax must be imported with a commercial document attesting to the refinement or processing method as per point 3 above.

7. Contact for further information

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Imports team:

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Eden Bridge House
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