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Import of Wool Grease or Fatty Substances Derived therefrom (including Lanolin and Lanolin Alcohol)

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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).

2. Scope

This IIN covers the importation of wool grease or fatty substances derived therefrom (including lanolin and lanolin alcohol) for technical and manufacturing purposes other than the use in food, feed material, organic fertilizers or soil improvers from EU and non-EU countries.

NOTE: For derived products from wool grease which have been processed and no longer requires further processing when it arrives in the EU (other than mixing, coating, assembling or packaging to make it suitable for placing on the market) and is intended for the manufacture of cosmetic products, the requirements for intermediate products apply (see [IIN ABP 20](#)).

3. Country of origin

The wool grease or fatty substances derived therefrom (including lanolin and lanolin alcohol) can be imported from any country.

4. Documentation

Consignments from non-EU countries

Prior to the creation of the General Licence and amendment to [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#) under SANCO/7115/1012, imports of lanolin into England will be subject to veterinary checks at a Border Control Post (BCP) and must be accompanied by commercial documentation, produced **and signed** by the manufacturer or consignor of the product stating at least the following information:

- Name and address of consignor
- Name and address of consignee
- Country of origin
- Description of product/ weight/ amount/
- Purpose of the import

Consignments from EU countries

Each consignment must be accompanied by a commercial document with the information referred to in Annex VIII, Chapter III of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

5. Packaging

The product must be securely packaged in clean, leak proof containers.

6. Labelling requirements

The outer packaging must bear labels indicating “NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION”.

7. Movement to premises of destination

Once checked at the BCP or imported from an EU Member State the wool grease or fatty substances derived therefrom (including lanolin and lanolin alcohol) must be transported directly to an establishment or plant which has been registered or approved depending on the purposes of the establishment or plant in accordance with Article 23 or Article 24 of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#).

8. Export to EU Member States or non-EU countries

If the wool grease or fatty substances derived therefrom (including lanolin and lanolin alcohol) are to be supplied to an organisation in an EU Member State or re-exported, you should ensure that the importing country will permit entry prior to export and that you have the correct paperwork to accompany the product before the export takes place.

9. Contact for further information

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

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