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Import of Certain Processed Animal By-Products for Use or Resale as Educational Tools only

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1. Important Information

Import Information Notes are technical documents containing import requirements and are for use by importers and veterinary staff.

Please be aware that import conditions may be updated due to changes in policy or legislation. Please ensure that you check the current version of the Import Information Note online.

Importers should note that the information given relates only to animal health and public health conditions of import. It does not give guidance on other conditions that may need to be met.

EU legislation as it stood on 31 December 2020 that the UK already complies with has been incorporated into our domestic law as “retained EU law” under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. References in our guidance and certification to such EU instruments should be taken to be references to this “retained EU law”. Our current standards will remain in force, without amendment, in the immediate months after our EU exit as part of UK domestic law (apart from corrections to make the EU legislation fully operable).

You can find further information on legislation, including Relevant EU Exit Statutory Instruments in the legislation section of this import information note.

Please note that any links to legislation provided in this document are for information purposes only and may not be the most recent version.

Further information regarding changes to the import controls from an EU country from 1 January 2021 can be found on GOV.UK at the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-animal-by-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin-from-the-eu-to-great-britain>

2. Scope

Import conditions for certain processed animal by-products which are intended for use or resale as educational tools only.

This IIN covers the following derived products only:

- Vertebrate, invertebrate, aquatic animals and their by-products which have undergone a manufacturing or preservation process that reduces to an acceptable level risks to public or animal health;
- Plastomounted invertebrate, vertebrate and aquatic animals and their by-products;

- Sealed microscope slides of invertebrate, vertebrate and aquatic animals and their by-products.

All animal based materials used in the products must originate materials as defined in Articles 8, 9 and 10 of [Retained EU Regulation 1069/2009](#).

If you wish to import any other animal by-products for use or resale as educational tools which are not listed above, you may require an authorisation issued by Defra. Please contact the Centre for International Trade – Imports (see Section 12).

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please be aware that these are the UK's requirements.
- If you wish to import to an EU Member State it is the importer's responsibility to seek advice from the Competent Authority of that Member State to ascertain the import conditions that apply including if you plan to re-export from the UK, as per point 9 below.
- Importers should be aware that the requirements for importing specific processed animal by-products which are intended for use or resale as educational tools may change at any given time. If you would like to be added to a database to receive Information notifying stakeholders of changes in legislation, please fill in the [proforma](#).

References to imports into Great Britain in this Import Information Note also includes imports into the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

References to trading partners includes non-EU, EU and EFTA countries. Import requirements from non-EU and EU countries will be differentiated, where required, in this Import Information Note.

Information regarding transits can be found on gov.uk:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/transiting-animals-and-animal-products-through-great-britain>

3. Country of origin

The certain processed animal by-products which are intended for use or resale as educational tools must come from a third country listed as a Member of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in the OIE bulletin.

- [World Organisation for Animal Health \(OIE\)](#)

4. Health certification/documentation

There is a general authorisation [IMP/GEN/2013/04](#) available which lays down the import conditions in full for imports of certain processed animal by-products which are intended for use or resale as educational tools from third countries. Each consignment must be accompanied by:

- a copy of the general authorisation IMP/GEN/2013/04 mentioned above;
- commercial documentation completed and signed by the senior manager of the facility on company letter headed paper and dated no less than 2 months from the date of import of each consignment stating the following information:
 - Name of the establishment of production;
 - Name and address of the consignor and consignee;
 - Name of the manufacturer, quantity shipped and identification marks;
 - Country of origin;
 - Species of animal the animal by-product was obtained from;
 - Type of product imported;
 - That the products were not derived from an animal known or suspected to be infected with a disease which is notifiable in accordance with the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) International Animal Health Code or originate from animals in a premises, region or zone that is subject to official restrictions by the Competent Authority due to a serious disease to which the animals are susceptible;
 - That the products were not derived from an animal known or suspected to be infected with a disease transmissible to humans (zoonotic disease);
 - The animal by-products were specifically sourced for the manufacture of educational use products only prior to processing;
 - Details of the manufacturing or preservation process, including the products used in these processes, that reduces to an acceptable level risks to public or animal health, including list of products used to mitigate such risks.

5. Packaging

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

6. Labelling requirements

That the outer packaging is clearly labelled “NOT FOR FEED OR FOOD USE – FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY”.

7. Veterinary checks

Until the end of 2023, imports from the EU, and certain imports from Greenland, Faroe Islands and EFTA countries, do not need to enter Great Britain via a Border Control Points (BCP) and are not subject to veterinary checks at the border.

However BCP checks will be required on EU goods from the end of 2023.

You can find additional information on imports from EFTA countries and Greenland in section 8.

- Consignments from trading partners (other than the EU, and some imports from Greenland, Faroe Islands and EFTA countries) may only be imported through an approved Border Control Post (BCP).
- The person responsible for the consignment must give notice of the proposed entry of the consignment at least one working day before arrival (with a derogation to 4 hours before arrival if there are logistical constraints).
- The notification shall be made to the inspection staff at the BCP using the Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS). Further information regarding IPAFFS can be found on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).
- Any other electronic means agreed with the BCP to inform about the intended arrival of a consignment in advance are not to be considered as an official pre-notification.

Following satisfactory checks at the BCP (for which a charge is levied), consignments may then circulate freely within Great Britain. If the consignment does not meet the import requirements, the consignment may be rejected and either re-exported or destroyed.

- [Further guidance on veterinary checks on animal products](#)
- [Border Control Posts](#)

The [Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 \(TARP 2011\)](#) (applicable in England) and EU Exit amendments to TARP 2011 can be found [here](#).

8. EFTA countries and Greenland

The UK government recognises that Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein implement EU veterinary legislation in relation to the movement of animals and animal products.

Therefore, animals and animal products from Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein must comply with the same requirements and controls applying to live animals and animal products from EU Member States. This also applies to Iceland for products of animal origin for human consumption, composite products and aquaculture.

Furthermore, in relation to imports from Faroe Islands this also applies to fishery products and aquaculture only. In relation to imports from Greenland this applies to fishery products and fish by-products only too.

9. Export to EU Member States or third countries

If the product is to be supplied to an organisation in an EU Member State/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.

10. Safeguard measures

Emergency safeguard action can be taken at very short notice to prohibit or restrict the importation of certain products from certain countries following an outbreak of disease or a public health issue. Information on the latest updates concerning disease outbreaks which may affect imports into the UK can be found on our Topical Issues page on the website.

Further information on the International and UK monitoring of animal diseases may be found on the animal disease monitoring website.

Importers can get the latest news about exotic notifiable disease outbreaks from the APHA subscription service.

- [Topical issues](#)
- [Animal diseases: international and UK monitoring](#)
- [Exotic notifiable disease outbreak subscription service](#)

11. Legislation.gov.uk

Consolidated legal texts, which integrate the basic instruments of retained EU legislation with their amendments and corrections in a single, non-official document, are available.

Each consolidated text contains a list of all legal documents taken into account for its construction.

You can search for consolidated texts by inputting the 'document number' and 'year' and then clicking the option 'All UK Legislation (including originating from the EU)' on legislation.gov.uk.

Once you press 'search', you can find the relevant legislation listed with the full title of the legislation. Once you have selected the legislation, you may see the following message at the top of the page:

"Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to XXX. Those changes will be listed when you open the content using the Table of Contents below. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations."

Please note that the consolidated text may not contain the latest amendment to the legislation, as it takes several weeks for this to be updated. EU Exit amendments to legislation may take several months too. We advise to read the legislation alongside the EU Exit amendments made in the below UK laws:

- [The Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#)
- [The Official Controls \(Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#)
- [The Official Controls \(Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2020](#)
- [The Aquatic Animal Health and Alien Species in Aquaculture, Animals, and Marketing of Seed, Plant and Propagating Material \(Legislative Functions and Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#)
- [The Animals, Aquatic Animal Health, Invasive Alien Species, Plant Propagating Material and Seeds \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#)
- [The Trade in Animals and Animal Products \(Legislative Functions\) and Veterinary Surgeons \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#)

Texts provided in this section are intended for information only. Please note that these texts have no legal value. For legal purposes please refer to the texts published in legislation.gov.uk.

Further information on changes in relation to EU legislation and UK law can be found on legislation.gov.uk. Please continue to use legislation.gov.uk to find EU retained law applicable to Great Britain. Please avoid using the EU Commission website for information on imports into Great Britain.

12. Contact for further information

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

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