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# Import of Certain Processed Animal By-Products Containing Animal By-Products used as a Stabiliser/Carrier at a Concentration of 3% or less

## Import Information Note (IIN) ABP/42

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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

This IIN covers the importation of certain processed animal by-products where any animal by-product used as a stabiliser or carrier is at a concentration of 3% or less and the product is imported for the purpose of laboratory or research use or resale for laboratory or research use only.

This IIN covers the following derived products only:

- Monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies, proteins, enzymes, peptides and polypeptides separated from plasma or serum and purified to the extent that they do not contain any viable pathogenic micro-organisms;
- Cells which do not contain a pathogen;

- Cell cultures more than one generation removed from tissue harvested from an animal;
- Stem cells derived from laboratory and reared animals;
- Animal by-products for the use in in-vitro and in-vivo laboratory research and diagnostic use which have undergone processing to such an extent that they should be regarded as processed and out of scope of the animal by-products [Retained EU Regulation 142/2011](#);

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

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. Animal by-products which have been used as a stabiliser or carrier at a concentration of more than 3%

If you wish to import the products listed in point 1 above and the animal by-product used as a stabiliser or carrier is at a concentration of more than 3% then you will need to comply with different requirements as set out below.

#### **a) Imports for resale purposes/commercial use**

Imports must take place under the requirements as laid down in [Retained EU Regulation 142/2011](#) in relation to the stabiliser or carrier agent used. (If the stabiliser or carrier is a blood product then conditions for importing blood products will apply, if it is a milk product then the requirements for milk products will apply).

Please see the relevant Import Information Note (IIN) on the website for more information on the import requirements.

- [Import Information Notes](#)

#### **b) Imports for research and diagnostic purposes and not for resale or commercial use**

If you cannot comply with the conditions as set out in point 4 below, you may require an authorisation issued by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). Importers wishing to apply for an authorisation should apply using an [application form IV58](#) for a specific authorisation to the contact address below.

## 4. Country of origin

Any third country.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Please be aware that these are the requirements for import to Great Britain. 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 8 below.

## 5. Documentation

There is a general licence [IMP/GEN/14/02](#) available which lays down the import conditions for imports of certain processed animal by-products as listed in point 1 above.

Each consignment must be accompanied by the documentation as required by the conditions of the general licence.

## 6. Packaging

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

## 7. Labelling requirements

That the outer packaging is clearly labelled "NOT FOR FEED OR FOOD USE – FOR TECHNICAL USE ONLY".

## 8. 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.

## 9. 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](#)

## 10. 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](https://www.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](http://legislation.gov.uk).

Further information on changes in relation to EU legislation and UK law can be found on [legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk). Please continue to use [legislation.gov.uk](http://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.

## 11. Contact for further information

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

Centre for International Trade - Carlisle  
Eden Bridge House  
Lowther Street  
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