Import of Treated Game Trophies and other Preparations of Birds and Ungulates from Third Countries

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1. Important Information

Import Information Notes are technical documents containing import requirements, and are for use by 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.

Please note that any links to legislation provided in this document are for information purposes only and may not be the most recent version. Please see the EU legislation paragraph below for further information regarding how to find consolidated versions of the legislation.

The existing EU legislation that the UK already complies with will be 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”. Under the Withdrawal Act we will ensure that current EU standards 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).

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.

2. Scope

Import conditions for treated game trophies and other preparations of birds and ungulates, being solely bones, horns, hooves, claws, antlers, teeth, hides or skins from Third Countries.

These provisions are in relation to animal health rules and are without prejudice to the measures for the protection of wild fauna, adopted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 338/97. Treated game trophies and other preparations of birds and ungulates:

- Must consist solely of bones, horns, hooves, claws, antlers, teeth, hides or skins;
- Must have undergone a treatment as laid down in Annex XIII, Chapter VI, points C.1(a), C.2(a) (i) to (iii), (b)(i) and (b)(ii) of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.
- Must be accompanied by an animal health certificate.

Treated game trophies and other preparations of birds and ungulates must only be derived from Category 2 materials referred to in Article 9(f) from wild animals not suspected of being infected with a disease communicable to humans or animals and Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10(a), 10(b)(i), 10(b)(iii), 10(b)(v) and 10(n) of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.
3. Production standards

The treated game trophies and other preparations must have been obtained, produced and stored in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 5 point 2 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.

In the case of game trophies or other preparations solely of bone, horns, hooves, claws, antlers or teeth:

Meet the requirements laid down in Annex XIII, Chapter VI, point C.2 (a).

In case of game trophies or other preparations consisting solely of hides or skin:

Meet the requirements laid down in Annex XIII, Chapter VI, point C.2 (b)

4. Country of origin

The approved third country list for treated game trophies and other preparations can be found in Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 1, Table 2, row 6 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011. This currently states that products can come from:

(a) In the case of game trophies and other preparations referred to in Section 5, point 2:

Any third country.

(b) In the case of game trophies and other preparations referred to in Section 5, point 3:

(i) Game trophies from birds:

Third countries listed in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008, from which the Member States authorise imports of fresh poultry meat and Greenland and Tunisia.

(ii) Game trophies from ungulates:

Third countries listed in the appropriate columns for fresh meat of ungulates in Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, including any restrictions laid down in the column for special remarks for fresh meat.

5. Approved establishments

Products must be produced in an establishment approved to export to the EU. Importers should check prior to importation that the premises are listed on the correct list for the Third Country concerned. 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.

Consolidated lists of approved plants are available on the European Commission’s website.

- Lists of approved plants/establishments

6. Health certification/documentation

Imports from third countries must be accompanied by a health certificate which conforms to the model laid down in Annex XV, Chapter 6(A) of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011(as amended), and which is signed by an official veterinarian/inspector of the country of origin.

Guidance on how to complete a health certificate can be found in Annex XV of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.

The UK will continue to accept the model health certificates set out under EU instruments for consignments imported to the UK in the immediate months after EU exit.

7. Special arrangements for New Zealand

Commission Decision 2015/1084 (EU) amended The New Zealand Equivalence Agreement. Annex V of the Decision provides the certification requirements. Products for which full equivalence have been agreed, must be accompanied by the model health certificate provided for in Annex 1 of Decision 2015/1901.

8. Specified risk material (SRM)

Products derived from bovine, ovine or caprine animals must meet the relevant requirements of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, which lays down the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of TSEs.

In addition, Commission Decision 2007/453/EC (as amended) categorises the countries or regions, according to their BSE risk.

9. Veterinary checks

Consignments may only be imported through an approved Border Control Post (BCP). Consignments must be pre-notified to the relevant BCP, by completion of Part I of the Common Health Entry Document (CHED). The requirements for minimum pre-notification time are set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1013.
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 document drawn up in accordance with the model CHED set out in the Annex II Part 2 Section B to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715.

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.

In the event the UK leaves the EU with no deal in place, the EU will no longer allow the UK to access TRACES, the European Commission’s online tool for managing notifications and official controls. To ensure those involved in importing live animals, animal products and high-risk food and feed could continue to do so, a new system is being developed to take the place of TRACES. In this outcome, notifications should be submitted to the BCP via the new system.

An update on this new system, which is called Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS), is available on GOV.UK.

Following satisfactory checks at the BCP (for which a charge is levied), consignments may then circulate freely within the EU unless there is a requirement for products to be monitored in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1666. 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
- Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011

10. Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland

The EU has International Agreements with Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, which means that they implement EU veterinary legislation in relation to the movement of animal products. Therefore animal products from Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein must comply with the same requirements applying to animal products from Member States.

11. 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**

12. European Union legislation

Consolidated texts, which integrate the basic instruments of Union 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 using the ‘find results by document number’ option on the [European Commission website](https://ec.europa.eu). Once you have selected the relevant legislation, click ‘document information’, and then scroll down to ‘all consolidated versions’ and select the most recent version.

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.

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 the ‘[Official Journal of the European Union](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/)’.

13. Contact for further information

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

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