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# Import of Treated Pig Bristles

## Import Information Note (IIN) ABP/7B

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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://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://legislation.gov.uk)).

## 2. Scope

Import conditions for treated pig bristles from countries in which African swine fever is endemic.

Only Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10 (b) (iv) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#) may be used for the production of pig bristles.

## 3. Production standards

Pig bristles must have been obtained from animals originating and slaughtered in a slaughterhouse, in the country of origin. They must be dry and securely enclosed in packaging.

In accordance with the requirements of Annex XIII, Chapter VII treated pig bristles must have:

- a) Been boiled, dyed or bleached; or
- b) Undergone some other form of treatment which is certain to kill pathogenic agents, provided that evidence to this effect is submitted in the form of a certificate from the veterinarian responsible for the place of origin. Factory washing may not be regarded as a form of treatment for the purposes of this provision.

## 4. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from trading partners listed in a document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers for:

- [Non-EU countries](#)
- [EU and EFTA countries](#)

Imports are permitted from countries listed in the document for fresh meat of ungulates, which may not be free of African swine fever for the 12 months prior to the date of importation.

## 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](https://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

Imports to Great Britain must be accompanied by the appropriate health certificate (\*), which can be found on GOV.UK.

The health certificates are based on the requirements included in Annex XV, Chapter 7B of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

Also, in the case of treated pig bristles which have undergone a treatment other than boiling, dyeing or bleaching, additional health certification must be obtained as per 3b) above.

[Pig bristles: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

**(\* Please note that this requirement will be introduced for animal products from EU and EFTA countries in the high and medium risk categories from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Further information regarding risk categories can be found at the link below.**

[Import risk categories for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain, from 31 January 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## 7. 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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