Import of Animal By-Products to be used for Purposes outside the Feed Chain 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 animal by-products to be used for purposes outside the feed chain from Third Countries.

The animal by-products must only be derived from Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10 (a) to (k) of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

Fur for the manufacture of derived products must only be derived from Category 3 material referred to in Article 10(n) of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

3. Production standards

Animal by-products to be used for purposes outside the feed chain must have been produced and stored in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 8 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.
The Animal by-products must be deep frozen at the plant of origin or have been preserved in accordance with Union legalisation in such a way to prevent spoiling between dispatch and delivery to the establishment or plant of destination.

4. Country of origin

The approved Third country list for animal by-products to be used for the purposes outside the feed chain can be found in Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 1, Table 2, row 14 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011. Imports are only permitted from countries on the list.

In the case of animal by-products for the manufacture of pharmaceuticals

Third countries listed in:
- Part 1 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 or
- Japan, Philippines or Taiwan.

In the case of animal by-products for the manufacture of products to be use outside the feed chain for farmed animals, other than pharmaceuticals

Third countries listed in:
- Part 1 of Annex II to Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 from which imports of fresh meat of the respective species is authorised,
- In the case of material from fish, third countries listed in Annex II to Commission Decision 2006/766/EEC.

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

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.

Imports from third countries must be accompanied by a health certificate which conforms to the model laid down in Annex XV, Chapter 8 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, 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.

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. Labelling requirements

The animal by-products must be in containers sealed under the responsibility of the competent authority, bearing the label indicating “ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS ONLY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF DERIVED PRODUCTS FOR USES OUTSIDE THE FEED CHAIN” and the name and address of the EU establishment of destination.

9. 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.

10. Veterinary checks

Consignments may only be imported through an approved Border Inspection Post (BIP). Consignments must be pre-notified to the relevant BIP, by completion of Part I of the Common Veterinary Entry Document (CVED) or by electronic means as agreed with the BIP.
For products, the person responsible for the consignment must give notice of the proposed entry of the arrival before the consignment is unloaded from the means of transport that brought it into Great Britain. The notification shall be made to the inspection staff at the BIP using the document drawn up in accordance with the model Common Veterinary Entry Document (CVED) set out in the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 136/2004, as amended.

In the event the UK leaves the EU in March 2019 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 BIP 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 BIP (for which a charge is levied), consignments may then circulate freely within the EU unless there is a requirement for products to be channeled in accordance with Article 8(4) of Directive 97/78EC. 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 Inspection Posts
- Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011

11. Channelling of the products to an approved premises

Following the veterinary checks provided for in Directive 97/78/EC, and in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 8(4) of that Directive, the animal by-products must be transported directly from the BIP to:

- A registered establishment or plant of destination, which has provided a guarantee that the animal by-products shall be used only for the purpose of producing the products for which it has been registered or approved, as applicable, as specified by the competent authority if necessary, and shall not leave the plant untreated other than for direct disposal;
- An establishment or plant which has been approved in accordance with Article 24(1)(h) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009;
- A registered user or collection centre, which has provided a guarantee that the animal by-products shall be used only for permitted purposes, as specified by the competent authority if necessary; or
An establishment or plant which has been approved in accordance with Article 24(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

12. 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.

13. 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

14. 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 simple search option on the European Commission website. Once you have selected the relevant legislation, click the ‘linked documents’ tab, and then scroll down to ‘all consolidated versions’ and select the most recent version.
15. Contact for further information

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