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Import of Honey, Royal Jelly and other Apiculture Products for Human Consumption Import Information Note (IIN) BAL/2B

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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 products of animal origin (POAO), which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.

[General information for imports of products of animal origin \(POAO\) for human consumption \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.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://www.legislation.gov.uk)).

2. Scope

Import conditions for honey, royal jelly and other apiculture products produced only by *Apis mellifera* bees for human consumption.

3. Country of origin

The country of origin must be marked with an 'X' in the 'Honey' column in the document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers, in accordance with Decision (EU) 2011/163 on the approval of residue monitoring plans submitted by third countries. The relevant documents are accessible using the links below.

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

4. Approved establishments

There is no list of approved establishments from which imports of honey, royal jelly and other apiculture products are permitted. Great Britain therefore permits imports of these products from establishments registered by competent authorities in the country of origin.

5. 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 Regulation (EU) 2019/628.

[Other animal products: model health certificates – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

(*) Please note that this requirement applies to products in the high and medium risk categories. Further information regarding risk categories can be found at the links below.

[Check import risk categories, inspection rates and related rules for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Check import risk categories, inspection rates and related rules for animals and animal products imported from non-EU countries to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

6. Health and identification marks

There is no requirement for honey to bear an ID mark as it is not included in Annex III to Regulation (EC) 853/2004.

7. Contact for further information

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

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