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Import of Snail Meat for Human Consumption Import Information Note (IIN) BAL/3

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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).

2. Scope

Import conditions for shelled, cooked and prepared or preserved snail meat for human consumption.

Snails are defined as terrestrial gastropods of the species *Helix pomatia* Linné, *Helix aspersa* Muller, *Helix lucorum* and species of the family of Achatinidae.

3. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from trading partners listed in Annex III to [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/626](#). See data.gov.uk for specific listing and certification requirements for EU and EFTA countries.

4. Approved establishments

Snail meat must be produced in an establishment approved to Great Britain.

Consolidated lists of approved plants are available on data.gov.uk.

The above link does not include approved establishments in the EU. Until those are included please use the list found via this [link](#).

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. Contact for further information

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

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