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Import of Animal Casings for Human Consumption

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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 casings made from cleaned, scraped intestines for human consumption.

Please note that treated intestines that do not meet the requirements of [Decision \(EC\) 2003/779](#) (imports of animal casings) must be imported in accordance with the requirements laid down in [Decision \(EC\) 2007/777](#) . This sets out the animal and public health conditions and model certificates for imports of certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for human consumption.

3. Country of origin

In accordance with the requirements of Decision (EC) 2003/779 imports of animal casings are permitted from any country.

4. Approved establishments

Animal casings must come from an approved plant that are in the category 'Treated stomach, bladders and intestines: Casings only'.

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 Decision (EC) 2003/779.

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

The TSE attestations set out in [Regulation \(EC\) 999/2001](#) will be required in addition to the model health certificate (or can be included on the model health certificate).

(* 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

6. Health and identification marks

The products referred to above must bear an identification mark in accordance with the requirements of [Regulation \(EC\) 853/2004](#). The mark must be applied before the product leaves the establishment.

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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