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# Import of Gelatine and Collagen for Human Consumption

## Import Information Note (IIN) BLGC/1

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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 gelatine and collagen for human consumption. This note does not provide the import conditions for gelatine capsules.

Gelatine is defined as natural, soluble protein, gelling or non-gelling, obtained by the partial hydrolysis of collagen produced from bones, hides and skins, tendons and sinews of animals.

Collagen is defined as the protein-based product derived from animal bones, hides, skins and tendons manufactured in accordance with the relevant requirements laid down in [Regulation \(EC\) 853/2004](#).

## 3. 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](#)

**Gelatine and collagen derived from bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine and equine animals** - may only be imported from the countries listed in the document for fresh meat of ungulates or from South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan or Taiwan.

**Gelatine and collagen derived from poultry** – may only be imported from the countries listed in the document for poultry and poultry products or from Taiwan.

**Gelatine and collagen derived from fishery products** – may only be imported from the countries or regions that are listed in Annex II to [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/626](#).

**Gelatine and collagen derived from leporidae and from wild land mammals other than ungulates** – may only be imported from the countries or regions listed in the document for meat of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits.

There is no requirement for gelatine and collagen to come from a country with an approved residue plan.

## 4. Approved establishments

Products must be produced in an establishment approved to export to Great Britain.

Consolidated lists of approved plants are available on [data.gov.uk](https://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 from 1 January 2021 must be accompanied by the appropriate health certificate (\*), which can be found on GOV.UK.

[Gelatine and collagen intended for human consumption: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The health certificates are based on the requirements included in Regulation (EU) 2019/628.

**(\*) 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## 6. Special arrangements for the United States of America

The health certificate for gelatine derived from ruminant bones and/or pig skins of USA origin and intended for human consumption are referred to in Annex A of [Decision \(EC\) 2003/863](#).

The health certificate for collagen derived from bovine hides and/or pig skins of USA origin and intended for human consumption are referred to in Annex B of Decision (EC) 2003/863.

Model Certificate GBHC162 for gelatine derived from ruminant bones or pigskins, intended for human consumption, intended for dispatch from the United States.

Model Certificate GBHC163 for collagen derived from bovine hides and/or pigskins, intended for human consumption, intended for dispatch from the United States.

## 7. 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.

Wrapping and packaging containing **gelatine** must bear the words “gelatine fit for human consumption” and must indicate the date of minimum durability.

Wrapping and packaging containing **collagen** must bear the words “collagen fit for human consumption” and indicate the date of preparation.

## 8. 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  
Carlisle  
CA3 8DX

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