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Import of Raw Materials for the Production of Gelatine and Collagen 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 raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen for human consumption.

Annex III, Section XIV, Chapter I point 1 of [Regulation \(EC\) 853/2004](#) lists the raw materials that can be used for the production of gelatine.

Annex III, Section XV, Chapter I point 1 of [Regulation \(EC\) 853/2004](#) lists the raw materials that can be used for the production of collagen.

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](#)

Raw materials 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 for which imports of fresh meat of the relevant species is authorised.

Raw materials derived from poultry – may only be imported from the countries listed in the document for poultry and poultry products for which imports of poultry meat of the respective species is authorised.

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

Raw materials 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 raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen to come from a country with an approved residue plan.

4. Approved establishments

Establishments producing raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen must either be registered in accordance with the requirements of [Regulation \(EC\) 852/2004](#) or approved in accordance with [Regulation \(EC\) 853/2004](#).

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.

[Gelatine and collagen intended for human consumption: 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

Wrapping and packaging containing raw materials must bear the words “raw materials for the production of gelatine/collagen” and indicate the date of preparation.

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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