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# Import of Certain Highly Refined Products for Human Consumption

## Import Information Note (IIN) GCC/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 highly refined Chondroitin sulphate, Hyaluronic acid, other hydrolysed cartilage products, Chitosan, Glucosamine, Rennet, Isinglass and amino acids derived from bovine and equine animals, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and fishery products for human consumption.

## 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](#)

**In the case of raw materials derived from ungulates**, countries listed the document for fresh meat of ungulates, or from South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan or Taiwan;

**In the case of raw materials derived from fishery products**, all third countries or regions thereof that are listed in Annex II to [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/626](#);

**In the case of raw materials derived from poultry**, countries and or territories listed in the document for poultry and poultry products.

## 4. Approved establishments

The raw animal material from which the product is derived must come from an establishment which is approved to export to Great Britain, fresh meat of the relevant species or the fishery products for human consumption.

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](#).

Note – The raw material or finished product cannot be produced or handled in an establishment approved only for animal by-products not intended for human consumption.

## 5. Health certification/documentation

Imports to Great Britain must be accompanied by the appropriate health certificate (\*), which can be found on GOV.UK.

[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. Special note on products originating in China

If the product or raw material is sourced from China, it will be subject to the requirements of [Decision \(EC\) 2002/994](#). The raw animal material must be listed in the Annex to the Decision. Each consignment of products derived from animal material listed in Part II of that Annex must be accompanied by an attestation from the Chinese Competent Authorities, that the products have been subjected, prior to despatch, to a chemical test to detect in particular the presence of chloramphenicol and nitrofurans and their metabolites. In addition, for aquaculture fishery products referred to in Part II of the Annex there must also have been a chemical test for the presence of malachite green and crystal violet and their metabolites. The attestation must also include the results of all these tests.

## 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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Lowther Street  
Carlisle  
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