Import of Ovine and Caprine Genetic Material from Third Countries

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1. Important Information

Import Information Notes are technical documents containing import requirements, and are for use by veterinary staff.

Please be aware that import conditions may be updated due to changes in policy or legislation. Please ensure that you check the current version of the Import Information Note online.

Please note that any links to legislation provided in this document are for information purposes only and may not be the most recent version. Please see the EU legislation paragraph below for further information regarding how to find consolidated versions of the legislation.

Importers should note that the information given relates only to animal health and public health conditions of import. It does not give guidance on other conditions that may need to be met.

2. Scope

Import conditions for semen, ova and embryos of animals of ovine and caprine species from Third Countries.

3. Approved Third countries

Imports are permitted only from the countries listed in Annex I of Decision 2010/472/EU for semen and Annex III for ova and embryos of animals of ovine and caprine species.

4. Approved establishments

All semen, ova and embryos must be collected in approved centres and by approved teams in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC. Lists of approved centres and teams are available on the European Commission’s website.

- List of approved centres and teams

5. Health certification/documentation

Consignments imported from third countries must be accompanied by a health certificate, which is signed by an official veterinarian of the veterinary authority in the country of origin, and in accordance with models of the health certificates which can be found in Commission Decision 2010/472/EU (as amended):
• Model health certificate for ovine and caprine semen in Annex II, Part 2, Sections A and B;

• Model health certificate for ovine and caprine of ova and embryos in Annex IV, Part 2.

6. Norway/Liechtenstein/Switzerland

The EU has International Agreements with Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, which means that they implement EU veterinary legislation in relation to the movement of genetic material. Therefore live animals from Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein must comply with the same requirements applying to genetic material from EU Member States.

7. Veterinary checks

Consignments may only be imported through an approved Border Control Post (BCP). Consignments must be pre-notified to the relevant BCP, by completion of Part I of the Common Health Entry Document (CHED). The requirements for minimum pre-notification time are set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1013.

The person responsible for the consignment must give notice of the proposed entry of the consignment at least one working day before arrival (with a derogation to 4 hours before arrival if there are logistical constraints). The notification shall be made to the inspection staff at the BCP using the document drawn up in accordance with the model CHED set out in the Annex II Part 2 Section B to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715.

Any other electronic means agreed with the BCP to inform about the intended arrival of a consignment in advance are not to be considered as an official pre-notification.

Following satisfactory checks at the BCP (for which a charge is levied), consignments may then circulate freely within the EU unless there is a requirement for products to be monitored in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1666. If the consignment does not meet the import requirements, the consignment may be rejected and either re-exported or destroyed.

• Further guidance on veterinary checks on animal products

• Border Control Posts

• Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011
8. Safeguard measures

Emergency safeguard action can be taken at very short notice to prohibit or restrict the importation of certain products from certain countries following an outbreak of disease or a public health issue. Information on the latest updates concerning disease outbreaks which may affect imports into the UK can be found on our Topical Issues page on the website.

Further information on the International and UK monitoring of animal diseases may be found on the animal disease monitoring website.

Importers can get the latest news about exotic notifiable disease outbreaks from the APHA subscription service.

- **Topical issues**
- **Animal diseases: international and UK monitoring**
- **Exotic notifiable disease outbreak subscription service**

9. EU Legislation

Consolidated texts, which integrate the basic instruments of Union legislation with their amendments and corrections in a single, non-official document, are available. Each consolidated text contains a list of all legal documents taken into account for its construction.

You can search for consolidated texts by using the ‘find results by document number’ option on the European Commission website. Once you have selected the relevant legislation, click ‘document information’, and then scroll down to ‘all consolidated versions’ and select the most recent version.

Please note that the consolidated text may not contain the latest amendment to the legislation, as it takes several weeks for this to be updated.

Texts provided in this section are intended for information only. Please note that these texts have no legal value. For legal purposes please refer to the texts published in the ‘Official Journal of the European Union’.

10. Contact for further information on import requirements

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the APHA Imports team:

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