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Import of Live Poultry

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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 live animals and germplasm, which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.

[General information for imports of live animals and germplasm \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk)

2. Scope

Import conditions for live poultry from countries outside the EU into Great Britain. “Poultry” is defined in Retained EU Regulation 798/2008 as “fowl, guinea fowl, ducks, geese, quails, pigeons, pheasants, partridges and ratites (*Ratitae*) reared or kept in captivity for breeding, the production of meat or eggs for consumption or for re-stocking supplies of game.”

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. See the documents for poultry and poultry products at the links below.

- [Non-EU countries](#)
- [EU and EFTA countries](#)

Trading partners must have BPP, BPR, SRP, SRA or LT20 listed in column 4 of the above documents in order to be able to export poultry to Great Britain, where:

- 'BPP' is for breeding or productive poultry other than ratites.
- 'BPR' is for breeding or productive ratites.
- 'SRP' is for slaughter poultry and poultry for restocking game supplies other than ratites.
- 'SRA' is for slaughter ratites.
- 'LT20' is for single consignments of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks thereof.

Certain countries may be required to provide supplementary guarantees, depending on the animal health situation in the territories of origin. Please also check the 5th and 6th columns (including columns 6a and 6b) of the above documents, where these supplementary guarantees are listed.

4. Health certification/documentation

Consignments imported from trading partners must be accompanied by the relevant health certificate, which conforms to the model laid down in Retained EU Regulation 798/2008 and which is signed by an official veterinarian or inspector of the veterinary authority in the country of origin.

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

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

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

- 'BPP': Model veterinary certificate for breeding or productive poultry other than ratites
- 'BPR': Model veterinary certificate for breeding or productive ratites

- ‘SRP’: Model veterinary certificate for slaughter poultry and poultry for restocking game supplies other than ratites
- ‘SRA’: Model veterinary certificate for slaughter ratites
- ‘LT20’: Model veterinary certificate for single consignments of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks.

5. Post-import isolation

In accordance with [Retained EU Regulation 798/2008](#), the poultry and ratites must be kept on the destination premises for 6 weeks or, if slaughtered before 6 weeks of their import, until the day of slaughter. For poultry only, if the birds are sampled and tested with favourable results in accordance with Annex III of Retained EU Regulation 798/2008 then the stand-still period may be reduced to 3 weeks.

6. Contact for further information

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Imports team:

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