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Import of Specified Pathogen Free Eggs Import Information Note (IIN) SPF/2

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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)

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 Specified Pathogen Free (SPF) eggs into Great Britain.

“Specified Pathogen Free (SPF) eggs” are defined in [Regulation \(EC\) 798/2008](#) as hatching eggs which are derived from ‘chicken flocks free from specified pathogens’, as described in the European Pharmacopoeia, and which are intended solely for diagnostic, research or pharmaceutical use.

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](#)

4. Health certification/documentation

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

5. Northern Ireland

Trade movements from Northern Ireland into Great Britain are treated as national movements and as such, no animal health conditions are applicable in respect of those movements. You can find additional information on movements from NI to GB [here](#).

6. Contact for further information

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

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