



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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CHANNELLING OF CONSIGNMENTS OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF DIRECTIVE 97/78/EC

Purpose

1. To clarify procedures for channelling consignments of animal products from the Border Inspection Post to the premises of destination in accordance with the requirements of Article 8 of [Directive 97/78/EC](#).

Background

'Hard' Channelling

2. On 1 May the new Union Customs Code (UCC) comes into force. The new legislation does not refer to the T5 procedure that is currently in place. Therefore, as of that date amended procedures will apply for channelled consignments.
3. When consignments that have to be channelled in accordance with Article 8(4) (see Appendix J of the [BIP Manual](#)) are cleared at the BIP, the OVS should
 - tick the appropriate field in box 33 of the Common Veterinary Entry Document (CVED); and
 - complete the relevant details of box 37 of the CVED;
4. There is no need to fill in the details in box 42 of the CVED (you will no longer receive a T5 Customs form from the importer/agent) which can be left blank.
5. All other procedures in relation to channelling under Article 8(4) ie notification via TRACES and confirmation of arrival remain unchanged.



6. The above advice only applies to consignments of products that need to be channelled in accordance with Article 8(4) of Directive 97/78/EC.

'Soft' channelling (consignments that are channelled without the requirement for a T5 and confirmation of arrival)

7. The Commission has advised that we should not be actively 'monitoring' consignments unless they have to be channelled in accordance with Article 8(4).

8. Therefore where legislation requires consignments to be 'sent directly to...' after satisfactory veterinary checks, and the BIP manual currently require "soft channelling", box 32 of the CVED must be completed (released for free circulation) provided that destination premises in box 8 is a registered or approved premises under the relevant legislation. The instructions for "soft channelling" in the BIP manual will be removed with the next update and are not valid after the date of this OVS note.

BIP Manual

9. The BIP Manual currently has guidance on how to deal with consignments that need to be channelled in accordance with Article 8(4) of Directive 97/78/EC. We are in the process of amending the BIP Manual and the new version will include the above information/guidance.

Action for OVSs

10. To note the above information.

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