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REQUIREMENTS FOR RANDOM POST-IMPORT TESTING OF MEALWORMS OR SIMILAR LARVAE ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Purpose

1. To inform BIPs of the requirements when taking random samples for post-import testing of consignments of imported mealworms or other similar larvae animal by-products not intended for human consumption.

Background

2. Regulations (EC) [No 1069/2009](#) and [\(EU\) No 142/2011](#) lay down the health rules for imports of animal by-products not intended for human consumption.
3. Annex XIV, Chapter IV, Section 2 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 allows the competent authority of Member States to authorise imports of certain material “for purposes other than feeding to farmed land animals” provided there is “no unacceptable risk for the transmission of diseases communicable to humans or animals”.
4. Imports of mealworms or other similar larvae products which are not for human consumption should be imported under the above mentioned Annex and under the conditions laid down in Importer Information Notice ABP IIN 26 and not under conditions laid down for pet food.
5. In cases where mealworms and other similar larvae products are imported under the conditions of Annex XIV, Chapter IV, Section 2 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 and ABP IIN 26, if the consignment is selected to be tested as part of the random post-



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import sampling requirement the consignment should be sampled only for Salmonella. The requirement for post-import testing for Enterobacteriaceae is not necessary.

6. In addition, changes are being planned to include pre-testing requirements for Salmonella and Enterobacteriaceae for these types of products and will be reflected in the Importer Information Note ABP IIN 26 in due course.

Action for OVSS

7. To be aware that post-import testing of consignments of mealworms and similar larvae animal by-products for Enterobacteriaceae is no longer required.

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