



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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IMPORTS OF FEED FOR PET ORNAMENTAL AQUATIC VERTEBRATES AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES, REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Purpose

1. To inform BIPs of the availability of a new Importer Information Note (ABP IIN 43) regarding the import of feed for pet ornamental aquatic vertebrates and invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians originating from non-EU countries.

Background

2. Regulations (EC) [No 1069/2009](#) and (EU) [No 142/2011](#) lay down the health rules regarding 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. Therefore, feed intended for aquatic vertebrates and invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians kept as pets and not intended for use as food or feed may be imported with an authorisation issued by Defra when they contain one or more of the following animal by-products:
 - (a) animal by-products from aquatic animals and derived products from aquatic animals;
 - (b) aquatic invertebrates and derived products from aquatic invertebrates;
 - (c) terrestrial invertebrates, including any of their transformation forms, such as larvae, and derived products therefrom;



- (d) products generated by the animals referred to in points (a), (b) and (c), such as fish eggs;
5. To assist importers a new Importer Information Note (ABP IIN 43) is now available to advise them on how to apply for an authorisation.

Action for OVSs

6. To be aware of the new IIN (ABP IIN 43) available for use. Copies can be obtained from the contact details below.

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