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IMPORT OF USED COOKING OIL AND THE AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEX OF COMMISSION DECISION 2007/275/EC ON PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO VETERINARY CHECKS

Purpose

1. To update you on OVS Note/2016/20 on veterinary checks with regards imports of used cooking oil (UCO).

Background

2. [Commission Decision 2007/275/EC](#) lays down the lists of animals and products to be subject to controls at border inspection posts under Council Directives 91/496/EEC and 97/78/EC.
3. A proposal to amend Annexes I and II of this Decision was agreed at the Standing Committee on the Plants, Animals, Food and Feed in June 2016. [Commission Decision 2016/1196](#) was published on 20 July 2016.
4. [OVS Note 2016/20](#) was issued to advise of these proposed changes.
5. These changes included UCO for certain uses, including organic fertilisers or biogas when the UCO falls within the scope of point (g) of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.
6. The Commission is proposing to harmonise import conditions for filtered used cooking oil for the production of biodiesel and for transformation into biogas to bring this type of product into the Animal By-Products Regulations.



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7. Until such time as the requirements for UCO are harmonised and published within Regulation (EU) 142/2011 the UK will continue to treat imports of UCO under Waste legislation which means they will not be subject to vet checks as an animal by-product until further notice.

Action for OVSS

8. To be aware that although the list has changed from 1st January 2017 with respect to imports of UCO, such imports will not be subject to vet checks as an animal by-product.
9. To be aware that new advice on the import of UCO may be issued once further information is made available on the proposed changes to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.

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