



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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Exports of Processed Animal Protein (Ruminant) to 3rd Countries

Purpose

1. To advise you of the requirement to carry out seal checks on consignments of processed animal protein containing ruminant material destined for export to third countries.

Background

2. Changes to the EU TSE Regulation (EC) 999/2001 introduced in July 2017 by Regulation 2017/893 require that processed animal protein containing ruminant material destined for export to 3rd countries must be transported in sealed containers directly from the rendering plant to the border inspection post at the point of exit from the European Union (either in the UK or other member state).
3. A unique seal will be attached to the container at the rendering plant by the operator/exporter. The exporter will then create a commercial document on TRACES stating the container and seal numbers for each consignment and the name of the exit BIP in box 1.28. Please note that a consignment will be all the containers listed on the commercial document.
4. If the consignment is leaving the UK directly to a 3rd country then the seal must be checked at a BIP in Great Britain (GB) before the consignment is released. If the consignment is dispatched via another member state then seal checks are not required at a BIP in GB.
5. Exporters will have to agree the process for checking the seals on the consignments with Port Health and the Port Operator.
6. On receipt of the consignment at the border inspection post, the seal must be checked to confirm that it is intact and that the identification number matches that recorded on the commercial document and the accompanying documentation.



7. Costs associated with carrying out seal checks and rejected consignments must be met by the exporter.

Action for BIP staff

8. Agree the process for checking the containers and seals with the Exporter and Port Operator.

9. On receipt of a consignment of processed animal protein containing ruminant material destined for a 3rd country, if the consignment consist of one container, check that the seal is intact and the identification number matches that recorded on the commercial document accompanying the consignment.

10. If a consignment consist of more than one container, then the seal of only one container in a consignment must be checked. It will be for the Port Health Authority to determine which container will be checked.

Note: It is acceptable for verification checks to be made based on time and date logged photographs taken by port operators at the BIP and for controls on TRACES to be completed by support staff supervised by the Portal Official veterinary surgeon (OVS). Any non-compliances must be notified to the OVS.

11. The legislation does allow for random seal checks once a good history of compliance has been established, but this option should not be implemented until further instructions are provided.

12. If the seal check is compliant then record that the check is satisfactory on TRACES as follows:

- Access TRACES
- Select '*commercial document*'
- Search for the certificate reference number (DOCOM.GB.2017.#####)
- Open the document and select '*Control*' & '*Checks*'
- Select the '*Satisfactory*' option under the '*III.4 Identity Check*' heading
- Select '*submit control*'

13. If the seal is not intact or the details do not correspond with the accompanying documentation then the exporter must be informed and the consignment must be returned to the plant of origin unless there is a clear typing error on the commercial document. In the case of typing errors, the exporter can be requested to create a replacement document. For any other errors, record an unsatisfactory entry made on TRACES by selecting the "Unsatisfactory" option (as explained above). Please inform APHA of any non-compliances by sending details of the consignment (DOCOM number and exporter as a minimum) and the non-compliance to: CSCOneHealthABP@apha.gsi.gov.uk

14. Please report any other non-compliances such as a failure to present a consignment for seal checks, to APHA through the mailbox in paragraph 13.

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