

DVMs for distribution
Border Inspection Posts (England) – for action
Chief Port Health Officers – for action

cc:

Nominated officers for Imported Food (England)
APHA
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Trading Standards Institute
Health Protection England

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Dear Colleagues,

GUIDANCE ON THE IMPORT OF LEUCINE

This letter is addressed to Border Inspection Posts and Chief Port Health Officers in England only.

The FSA has been asked to provide authorised officers with guidance on the import of Leucine, an amino acid which is authorised as a food additive (E641) in Regulation 1333/2008.

Article 3 of Regulation 1333/2008 excludes amino acids and their salts having no technological function. However, as the definition of food additive includes the requirement that it is added for a technological purpose, the exclusion in Article 3 could not apply to E641, as it would always be added for a technological function.

On this basis E641 should be treated in the same way as any of the other amino acid authorised for use as food additive i.e. a Highly Refined Product Certificate is required in accordance with Reg (EU) 2016/759.

If you have any enquires please contact the Imports Policy Team at imported.food@food.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



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