

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

cc:

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

Reference: OVS/2018/15

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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](mailto:imported.food@food.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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