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Border Inspection Posts (England) – for action
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cc:
Nominated officers for Imported Food (England)
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Dear Colleagues,

GUIDANCE ON THE IMPORT OF LEUCINE (E461)

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

As our guidance letter of 18 October explained (OVS/2018/15), leucine should be treated in the same way as any of the other amino acid authorised for use as food additive and a Highly Refined Product Certificate is required in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/759.

The FSA understands however that imports of l-leucine are used also, or mainly, for nutrient purposes; which still falls under Article 1(g) of Regulation (EU) No 2016/759 that covers highly refined products listed in Part VII, which states:

(c) In the case of raw materials derived from poultry, third countries and territories listed in column 1 of Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008.

To continue to facilitate imports of leucine from listed countries, the FSA advises that Highly Refined Product Certificates for amino acids intended for human consumption, will not be required for a period of three months from the date of this letter (i.e. until 1st June). After this date Highly Refined Product Certificates will be required for all leucine imports for human consumption. This will allow both establishments in listed countries handling leucine and the relevant competent authorities more time to make the necessary adjustments.



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