

To: Feed and food law enforcement authorities in England.

Port Health Authorities in England.

Importation of products of animal origin (POAO) from China		2 March 2020
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Dear Colleague,

This letter is addressed to Border Control Posts and Chief Port Health Officers in England only. It should be read in connection with [OVS/2019/6](#) and how safeguard measures applied to composite products.

We have recently reviewed the enforcement of imported food, including products of animal origin (POAO) from China.

Our reading of the controls is that POAO fall within the remit of Commission Decision 2002/994/EC, which concerns certain protective measures about the products of animal origin imported from China.

This decision covers all POAO, whether it is used in a composite product or not and would apply regardless the percentage of POAO is in the final product.

As an illustrative example, the controls would cover dried milk and milk that has been used in products such as yogurt. The Decision also covers milk products which may have originated in one third country, before being exported to China, where it could be further processed and then imported into the UK.

Please contact imported.food@food.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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