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UPDATE ON IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR HAY AND STRAW

Purpose

To update Border Control Posts (BCPs) on the latest advice for imports of hay and straw from the EU and other Third Countries in view of the ongoing situation with outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in certain EU Member States.

Background

Defra are reviewing the import conditions for hay and straw from the EU and other Third Countries due to the risk of ASF as outbreaks of the disease have occurred in different EU MSs, and have removed the following general licences:

- [Hay and straw from EU and certain other European countries \(IMP/GEN/2011/08\)](#)
- [Hay and straw from third countries \(IMP/GEN/2020/01\)](#)

Imports from EU countries

Hay and straw can only originate from EU countries/regions not affected by ASF. The list of areas in the European Union Member States where outbreaks of ASF outbreaks have occurred can be found in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605 (as amended).

Please contact the Centre for International Trade at Carlisle if you identify consignments from affected areas, including finished products made with these materials, when these are likely to come into contact with farm animals (e.g. scarecrows)

Imports from Non-EU/ Rest of World countries

Hay and straw can be imported from the following countries:

THE LIST OF COUNTRIES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 9

ISO Code	Country
AU	Australia
BY	Belarus ⁽¹⁾
CA	Canada
CH	Switzerland
CL	Chile
GL	Greenland
IS	Iceland
NZ	New Zealand
RS	Serbia ⁽²⁾
UA	Ukraine ⁽¹⁾
US	United States of America
ZA	South Africa (excluding that part of the foot-and-mouth disease control area situated in the veterinary region Northern and Eastern Transvaal, in the district of Ingwavuma of the veterinary region of Natal and in the border area with Botswana east of longitude 28°)

⁽¹⁾ Only pelleted straw intended for combustion, which is directly delivered under customs transit procedure as provided for in Article 4(16)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 (OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1) and through monitoring in TRACES from the approved border inspection post (BIP) of entry into the Union to the destination plant in the Union, where it is going to be burnt.

⁽²⁾ As referred to in Article 135 of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part (OJ L 278, 18.10.2013, p. 16).

They do not require an import licence, but they must enter GB via a BCP where they are subject to veterinary checks.

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