



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS NOTE 2022/02

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LISTS OF APPROVED ESTABLISHMENTS

Purpose

1. To advise on an issue in relation to the lists of approved establishments in third countries.

Background

2. We have been made aware recently of instances where consignments from Third Countries have arrived in GB but have been refused entry due to the establishment where the commodity originates not being on the UK approved list and/or not appearing in the Imports of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS).
3. To prevent such occurrences, we recommend all BCP's refer to the list published on data.gov.uk, which is available [here](#). This list is normally updated on a weekly basis and contains all approved establishments from our trading partners.
4. In the next update, the above list will also contain a separate tab of delisted establishments together with the date the Third Country competent authority confirmed their delisting. Please note, the delisted establishment data is valid from 15 October 2021 as this is the date when this information was first recorded. The delisted data is updated at the same time as the approved list. If historical (*pre 15 October 2021*) delisted data is required, please contact ukassurance@defra.gov.uk
5. The FSA has agreed that a delisting can come into force at the end of the day the delisting is officially recorded. This is to ensure certificates signed on the same day remain valid. For example, if an establishment is delisted on 31/12/2021, any consignment that is signed off up to and including 23:59 on that day may be accepted.

6. A letter has been sent to all trading partners requesting their full lists of establishments to allow GB to manage its own lists independently from the EU. Please note, it will take several months to transition this data.
7. To minimise any disruption during this time, if BCPs experience any issues with an establishment not appearing on the approved list please contact the UK Assurance Office: ukassurance@defra.gov.uk

Action for OVSs

8. To note the contents of this OVS note.

Contact point for enquiries

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