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## **IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM**

**OVS NOTE 2022/22**

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### **TEMPORARY APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF PACKAGING FROM JAPAN STATING 2 ESTABLISHMENT NUMBERS.**

#### **Purpose**

1. To advise you that the use of packaging citing 2 establishment numbers from an exporter in Japan has been temporarily permitted for 6 months from the date of this note.

#### **Background**

2. A Japanese Wagyu (beef) producer sends beef from establishment KY-1 to establishment KY-2 for processing, cutting and labelling. From establishment KY-2 it is then exported to the UK. In accordance with the provisions of Retained Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, the packaging should show only one authorisation number, which should be that of the establishment where the last processing/packaging/wrapping took place, in this case, KY-2.
3. Up to now, shipments have been sent with identification marks on the packaging showing both establishment authorisation numbers (KY-1 and KY-2) but following advice from UK customs at Heathrow Airport, the exporter has been instructed to amend the authorisation number on the packaging to display only the KY-2 authorisation number.
4. The company still has many cartons with both authorisation numbers printed on them. We therefore temporarily permit the use of packaging which contains details of both establishments, KY-1 and KY-2, but with the authorisation number KY-1 crossed out (i.e. ~~KY-1~~ & KY-2), or a sticker affixed on top of "KY-1" to cover it. This packaging can be used for 6 months from the date of this note.

#### **Action for OVSs**

5. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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