



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS NOTE 2023/21

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IMPORTS OF HAY AND STRAW FROM NON-EU COUNTRIES

Purpose

1. To advise you that we have issued an import authorisation IMP/GEN/2023/02 for the importation of hay and straw from non-EU countries.

Background

2. The importation of hay and straw was controlled under Retained EU Regulation (REUL)136/2004:
 - Art 9 required doc checks and physical checks as appropriate;
 - The Annex listed countries from which imports were permitted.
3. Retained EU Regulation 2019/2130 had a sunset clause for Regulation 136/2004 which was inadvertently retained which means the REUL 136/2004 is no longer in force. As it has already lapsed, we cannot bring it back into GB law under the Withdrawal Act.
4. We have therefore introduced General Authorisation [IMP/GEN/2023/02](#) issued under Regulation 15(5) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulation 2011 (England) and Regulation 13(5) of The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulation 2012 in order to control imports of hay and straw from non-EU countries.
5. It has not been necessary to include imports via Wales as they do not have any Border Control Posts.

Action for OVSS

6. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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