



## Animal By Products Team

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### ANIMAL BY-PRODUCT GENERAL IMPORT AUTHORISATIONS

#### Purpose

1. To inform you of the removal of certain documents from [General licences and authorisations to import live animals or animal products - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/general-licences-and-authorisations-to-import-live-animals-or-animal-products) from 30 April 2024.
2. To inform you of the revocation of certain general import authorisations/licences from [General licences and authorisations to import live animals or animal products - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/general-licences-and-authorisations-to-import-live-animals-or-animal-products)
3. To inform you of the introduction of new general import authorisations on gov.uk from 30 April 2024.

#### Background

4. Defra ABP policy team are currently reviewing all ABP general import authorisations and licences for goods landing in England. Starting from 30 April 2024, Defra has begun a process of revoking and issuing updated authorisations and licences.
5. The following documents have been removed from [General licences and authorisations to import live animals or animal products - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/general-licences-and-authorisations-to-import-live-animals-or-animal-products) on **30 April 2024**:
  - Samples from EU countries - facilitation letter (PDF, 127 KB, 3 pages) - Research and diagnostic samples, trade samples, display items. Country of origin: EU member states, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands
  - Facilitation letter (PDF, 497 KB, 1 page) - Animal products derived from reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates or honey. Country of origin: EU countries
6. The following general import licences have been revoked on **30 April 2024**:
  - Category 3 animal by-products (IMP/GEN/2009/03) (PDF, 344 KB, 2 pages) - Country of origin: EU countries, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland
  - Diets for laboratory rodents or primates from USA (TAY/GEN/2004/272) (PDF, 57.9 KB, 2 pages)
  - Gelatine for Manufacture of paintballs from Canada (IMP/GEN/2008/02) (PDF, 287 KB, 2 pages)



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7. Goods, which use the licences referenced in para. 6, which have left the exporting country on or before 30 April 2024 may still be permitted entry into England in accordance with the import conditions laid down in those licences.
8. The following general import licences have been amended to communicate to importers that they will only be valid for use **until 31 October 2024**, after which date they will be revoked, and importers will be required to use the replacement authorisations (see para.9).
  - [Certain products in 3% or less animal by-product carrier/stabilizer \(IMP/GEN/14/02\)](#)
  - [Certain products for in vitro use with 10% or less animal by-product carrier/stabilizer \(IMP/GEN/2015/06\)](#)
9. Importers may use the following replacement general import authorisations from 30 April 2024.
  - [Treated milk and milk-based products and treated blood products, for use as a stabiliser or carrier \(not exceeding 3%\) \(Research & Diagnostic Samples only\)](#)
  - [Treated milk and milk-based products and treated blood products, for use as a stabiliser or carrier \(not exceeding 3%\) \(Commercial use\)](#)
  - [Treated milk and milk-based products and treated blood products, for use as a stabiliser or carrier \(not exceeding 10%\) \(\(Research & Diagnostic Samples only\)](#)
  - [Treated milk and milk-based products and treated blood products, for use as a stabiliser or carrier \(not exceeding 10%\) \(Commercial use\)](#)
10. To facilitate imports of certain ABPs from EU and EFTA member states, four new general import authorisations have been published. In effect, they negate the need for importers to use any other type of general or specific import authorisations for these types of ABP. These authorisations are not required to accompany the consignment. They will be revoked on **31 January 2025**, so that from 1 February 2025 these types of ABP imports from the EU and EFTA member states will require the use of general or specific import authorisations in line with non-EU imports.
  - [EU Trade Samples](#)
  - [EU Display Items](#)
  - [EU Section 2, Ch IV, Annex XIV Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011 goods](#)
  - [EU Non-harmonised ABP](#)

### Actions for OVSs

To note the contents of this OVS note.

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