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Exporting honey and apiculture products to the EU from 29 November 2024

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Purpose

To inform OV's and FCCOs that, from 29 November 2024, honey and other apiculture products intended for human consumption exported to the European Union (EU) or moved from Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI) via the red lane must be dispatched and obtained from, or prepared in, listed establishments that are published by APHA.

To inform exporters of the initial process that will be implemented for listing establishments that dispatch, obtain, or prepare honey and other apiculture products intended for human consumption exported to the EU or moved to NI.

To request that existing exporters or traders of these products provide information to APHA by 30 June 2024.

Background

Establishments which produce honey and other apiculture products must currently be registered by their local authority under assimilated Regulation [852/2004](#).

In September 2023, the European Commission amended Delegated Regulation [EU 2022/2292](#), requiring that honey and other apiculture products intended for human consumption imported into the EU from third countries and that are intended to be placed on the EU market be dispatched and obtained from, or prepared in, establishments that appear on lists drawn up and kept up to date in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e)(ii) and (iii), of Regulation (EU) [2017/625](#).

For consignments of honey and apiculture products intended for human consumption to be allowed through EU Border Control Posts for import into the EU, it is necessary that GB establishments exporting honey and apiculture products to the EU or moving them to

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Northern Ireland via the red lane, are included on a list held and kept up to date by the Competent Authority.

The European Commission has given a transitional period until 29 November 2024 for countries including the UK to establish such lists to facilitate a smooth transition and not disrupt trade.

After 29 November 2024, consignments originating from establishments that are not listed will be denied entry into the EU.

Action

In order for a list of establishments of honey and other apiculture products intended for human consumption to be created:

- **Establishments** that obtain, prepare or dispatch honey and other apiculture products for export to the EU or move these products to Northern Ireland via the red lane **to provide address, contact details, and registration number** (if already held) to NCP@apha.gov.uk. We kindly request that this information is provided **by 30 June 2024**.
- **Local authorities** are asked to **provide details of all the honey and apiculture product establishments that are currently registered with them** to NCP@apha.gov.uk or exported.food@food.gov.uk. We kindly request for this information to be provided **by 30 June 2024**.

30 June is the date by when an initial list will be drawn up to be communicated to the European Commission. We will send out further information to producers and exporters on the process to follow if they need to amend/add/remove their establishment from the list.

Further information will be provided on how OV's and FCCOs can check if an establishment is listed.

There is no immediate action for OV's and FCCOs. However, we would encourage OV's and FCCOs working with relevant establishments to ensure that the establishment owners are aware of this change and remind them of the need to provide details to APHA as detailed above.

Further Information

Contact GBEUpolicyqueries@defra.gov.uk

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