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Update on EU legislation for export of aquaculture crustaceans as products of animal origin from GB to EU

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Purpose

To inform stakeholders on the update to EU legislation on residue plans for aquaculture.

Background

Previously some exporters experienced difficulties moving aquaculture crustaceans to the EU due to changes to legislation on residue plans for aquaculture (2011/163/EU). The EU Commission agreed to update the legislation to rectify the issue and asked Member States to be flexible in the meantime to allow trade to continue.

This legislation has now been updated to approve Great Britain for triangular trade of aquaculture crustaceans. (Triangular trade is when a product is imported from one country to another and then reexported to a third.)

This means that aquaculture origin crustaceans caught in other countries approved to export to the EU, which have the relevant residue plans, can be sent via Great Britain so long as the relevant conditions for triangular trade outlined in the Notes for Guidance are met.

Action

As the EU legislation only approves Great Britain for triangular trade of aquaculture crustaceans, and the period of flexibility has come to an end, we strongly advise that

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exporters contact their EU Border Control Post to confirm any labelling and certification requirements needed to identify the country in which the crustaceans were caught, even if they are packaged or processed in Great Britain.

Further Information

The Export Health Certificate and Notes for Guidance for crustaceans exported as products of animal origin can be found [here](#).

- [Previous briefing note on exports to EU of aquaculture crustaceans](#)