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APHA Briefing Note 35/24

Requirement for registered establishment lists for honey and apiculture products to enable exports to the EU and movement to NI via the red lane.

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Purpose

To inform OVs and FCCOs that from 29 November 2024, honey and other apiculture products intended for human consumption with HS code 0409, 0410, 1212, 1512 or 1702, 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, honey and apiculture establishments listed in TRACES.

To inform OVs, FCCOs and local authorities of the process of keeping the TRACES list up to date.

Background

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

For consignments of honey and apiculture products intended for human consumption to be imported into the EU or moved to NI via the red lane, it will be necessary for GB establishments exporting the honey and apiculture products to be 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.

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

After 29 November 2024, consignments originating from establishments that are not listed will be denied entry into the EU or to NI via the red lane.

It is the responsibility of local authorities to provide accurate information to NCP@apha.gov.uk and make sure the list published on [Businesses approved to export to the EU - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/businesses-approved-to-export-to-the-eu) is accurate.

Note: APHA will submit the list to TRACES on 11 November and a further Briefing Note will be sent to confirm once this goes live and to give further instructions to certifying officers.

Action

- Local authorities, OVAs and FCCOs to check the list published by APHA on [Businesses approved to export to the EU - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/businesses-approved-to-export-to-the-eu) to make sure the information is correct before it is added to TRACES.
- If the information is incorrect or if additions or removals are required, please, contact NCP@apha.gov.uk by **31 October 2024**.
- Once the list is live on TRACES, please send updates or amendments to NCP@apha.gov.uk. Any changes received by a Wednesday will be published on TRACES and on the APHA list by Friday of the same week.

Further Information

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