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# Import of Eggs in Shells for Human Consumption

## Import Information Note (IIN) A/15

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## 1. General Information

**This Import Information Note (IIN) must be read in conjunction with the IIN for general information for imports of products of animal origin (POAO), which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.**

**[General information for imports of products of animal origin \(POAO\) for human consumption \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk)**

References to European Union (EU) legislation within this document are references to direct EU Legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated direct legislation), as defined in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 and can be viewed on the UK legislation website ([legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)).

## 2. Scope

Import conditions for eggs in shells for human consumption.

“Eggs” are defined in [Regulation \(EC\) 853/2004](#) as “eggs in shell – other than broken, incubated or cooked eggs – that are produced by farmed birds and are fit for direct human consumption or for the preparation of egg products”.

## 3. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from trading partners listed in a document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers. See the documents for poultry and poultry products at the links below.

- [Non-EU countries](#)
- [EU and EFTA countries](#)

Trading partners must have ‘E’ recorded in column 4 of the above documents in order to be able to export eggs in shells to Great Britain.

Certain countries may be required to provide supplementary guarantees, depending on the animal health situation in the territories of origin. Please also check the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> columns (including columns 6a and 6b) of the above documents, where these supplementary guarantees are listed.

**In addition**, the country of origin must be listed for the appropriate species in a document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers, in accordance with Decision (EU) 2011/163 on the approval of residue control plans submitted by third countries. The relevant documents are accessible using the links above.

## 4. Approved establishments

Imports must come from an establishment approved to export to Great Britain.

Consolidated lists of approved plants are available on [data.gov.uk](http://data.gov.uk).

The above link does not include approved establishments in the EU. Until those are included please use the list found via this [link](#).

## 5. Health certification/documentation

Imports to Great Britain must be accompanied by the appropriate health certificate (\*), which can be found on GOV.UK.

The health certificates are based on the requirements included in Regulation (EC) 798/2008.

[Eggs: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

**(\*) Please note that this requirement will be introduced for animal products from EU and EFTA countries in the high and medium risk categories from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Further information regarding risk categories can be found at the link below.**

[Import risk categories for animals and animal products imported from the EU to Great Britain, from 31 January 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

## 6. Contact for further information

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Imports team:

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Eden Bridge House  
Lowther Street  
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