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Import of Apiculture Products for Apiculture use

Import Information Note (IIN) ABP/13

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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 animal by-products (ABP), which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.

[General information for imports of animal by-products \(ABP\) \(defra.gov.uk\)](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 apiculture by-products intended exclusively for use in apiculture (beekeeping).

Apiculture by-products are defined in [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#) as honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis or pollen not intended for human consumption.

Please note:

- Beeswax in the form of honeycomb is not permitted to be imported.
- For imports of beeswax for technical, cosmetic and purposes other than feeding to farmed animals please see guidance in [IIN ABP/32](#).
- If you wish to import apiculture by-products for purposes not listed above, you may require an authorisation issued by Defra. Please contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Imports team (see Section 7 below).

Apiculture by-products must only be derived from Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10(e) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#).

3. Production standards

The apiculture products must have been produced in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIII, Chapter IX of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

They must also meet the requirements provided for in Article 8(a) of [Directive 92/95](#).

The apiculture by-products must also have been subjected to a temperature of -12°C or a lower temperature for at least 24 hours; or

In the case of beeswax, the material has been processed in accordance with processing methods 1 to 5 or 7, as set out in Annex IV, Chapter III of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#), and refined before importation.

4. 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 for:

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

Apiculture products can come from countries listed the document for fresh meat of ungulates and (CM) Cameroon.

5. Approved establishments

Products must be produced in an establishment approved to export to Great Britain. Importers should check prior to importation that the premises are listed on the correct list.

Consolidated lists of approved establishments/plants are available on:

- data.gov.uk for **non-EU countries**
- and [here](#) for **EU Countries**

If the establishment or plant is not listed, importers are urged to contact the company concerned, who should contact their competent authority immediately. If the plant is not included on the appropriate list when veterinary checks are carried out the consignment is likely to be held and could be rejected and re-exported or destroyed.

6. 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 Annex XV, Chapter 13 of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

[Other animal by-products: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

(*) Please note that this requirement will be introduced for animal products from EU and EFTA countries in the high and medium risk categories from 31st 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

7. Contact for further information

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

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