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Import of Horn and Horn Products and Hooves and Hoof Products for the Production of Organic Fertilisers or Soil Improvers

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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://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).

2. Scope

Import conditions for horn and horn products (excluding horn meal) and hooves and hoof products (excluding hoof meal) for the production of organic fertilisers or soil improvers.

The horns and horn products (excluding horn meal) and hooves and hoof products (excluding hoof meal) for the production of organic fertilisers or soil improvers must only be derived from Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10(b), 10(h) and 10(n) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#).

3. Production standards

The products must have been produced and stored in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 12 and Annex XIII, Chapter XII of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

This includes but not limited to:

- The products must have undergone a heat treatment for one hour at a core temperature of at least 80°C.
- The horns must be removed without opening the cranial cavity.

4. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from any country.

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 18 of Regulation (EU) 142/2011.

[Hides, horns and trophies: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hides-horns-and-trophies-model-health-certificates)

(*) 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-risk-categories-for-animals-and-animal-products-imported-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-from-31-january-2024)

7. Monitoring of the products to an approved premises

Following the veterinary checks provided for in [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1715](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1715/oj), and in accordance with the conditions laid down in [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1666](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1666/oj), the animal by-products must be transported directly from the BCP under Customs procedures to either an approved or registered establishment or plant.

8. Contact for further information

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

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