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Import of Sea bird Guano for use as Manure or Soil Improver

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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 requirements for sea bird guano for use as manure or soil improver.

Guano is defined in [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#) as a natural product which has been collected from the excrements of wild sea birds and which is not mineralised.

As stated in Article 22 point 2 of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#) the importation of guano from wild sea birds is not subject to any health conditions.

3. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from any country.

4. Health certification/documentation

There is no requirement for health certification, but it is recommended that the consignment is accompanied by a commercial invoice/commercial documentation for traceability purposes.

5. Contact for further information

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

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