Animal & Plant Health Agency

Import of Certain Materials for Purposes other than Feeding to Farmed Land Animals

Import Information Note (IIN) ABP/26

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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)

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

Note: Imports of the following materials are covered under separate IIN's which can be found on the website:

- Imports of Rodentia and Lagomorpha for feeding to pets (including reptiles and birds of prey) – IIN ABP 27
- Imports of fishing bait – IIN ABP 28
- Import of processed finished feed for pet ornamental aquatic vertebrates and invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians – IIN ABP 43

In accordance with Annex XIV, Chapter IV, Section 2 of Regulation (EU) 142/2011, the competent authority **may** authorise the importation of certain materials for purposes other than feeding to farmed land animals (except for feeding to fur animals) provided there is no unacceptable risk for the transmission of diseases communicable to humans or animals.

Therefore the following animal by-products listed below are permitted to be imported for the following purposes:

For feeding to animals other than farmed land animals

- feed for wild birds and wild animals;
- feed for **pet** fish only;

The following materials can be used for the feed products listed above:

- Animal by-products from aquatic animals and derived products from aquatic animals;
- Aquatic invertebrates and derived products from aquatic invertebrates;
- Terrestrial invertebrates, including any of their transformation forms, such as larvae, and derived products there from;
- Products generated by the animals referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of Annex XIV, chapter IV, section 2 Regulation (EU) 142/2011, such as fish eggs;

For technical use

This IIN includes the following products:

- products for the manufacture of supplements for feeding to animals other than farmed land animals;
- products for the manufacture of feed for wild birds and wild animals;

- products for the manufacture of **pet** fish feed only.

The following materials can be used for the technical products listed above:

- Animal by-products from aquatic animals and derived products from aquatic animals;
- Aquatic invertebrates and derived products from aquatic invertebrates;
- Terrestrial invertebrates, including any of their transformation forms, such as larvae, and derived products there from;
- Products generated by the animals referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) above, such as fish eggs;

Feed or technical products not mentioned above

If you wish to import any of the materials mentioned above for purposes not listed you may require an Authorisation. Please contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade - Imports for further information (see Section 8).

3. Production standards

The materials must be either:

- deep frozen and free from Salmonella and other pathogenic organisms or;
- dried by a treatment sufficient to destroy pathogenic organisms, including Salmonella.

and

- once deep frozen or dried all precautions must be taken to prevent any re-contamination after treatment and the animal by-products are securely packaged in new containers;

Materials being imported directly for retail sale for feeding to pet fish, wild birds, and wild animals other than land farm animals must be in new ready-to-sell packages bearing a label that the content can only be used for feeding pet fish, wild birds and wild animals other than farmed land animals.

4. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from trading partners listed as a Member of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

- World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

5. Health certification/documentation

Each consignment must be accompanied by a commercial document completed and signed by the exporter/manufacturer stating:

- The name of the establishment of production;
- The name and address of the consignor and consignee;
- The name and address of premises of destination in GB (if different from the consignee);
- The name of the manufacturer, quantity shipped and identification marks;
- The country of origin;
- Type of animal by-product used;
- Purpose and use of animal by-product;
- That the animal by-products have either been deep frozen and free from Salmonella and other pathogenic organisms/dried by a treatment sufficient to destroy pathogenic organisms, including salmonella and is ambient stable (depending on its use).

The animal by-product must also be securely packaged or sealed in clean/new containers.

6. Labelling requirements

All packages must either:

- bear a label indicating “NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION” or,
- if they are dispatched in ready-to-sell packages the label must state “FOR FEEDING TO PET FISH/WILD BIRDS/WILD ANIMALS OTHER THAN FARMED LAND ANIMALS ONLY”

7. Movement to premises of destination

Once checked at the BCP the animal by-products must be transported directly from the BCP to either:

- a pet food plant approved in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009;

- a holding or establishment keeping animals in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009;
- an establishment or plant approved for handling of animal by-products after their collection, by way of operations such as sorting, cutting, chilling, freezing in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009;
- an establishment or plant approved for storage in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009; or:
- directly for retail sale where the animal by-products are dispatched in ready-to-sell packages bearing a label with a clear indication that the content is only destined for feeding to wild birds/wild animals.

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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