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# Import of Flavouring Innards for use in the Manufacture of Pet Food

## Import Information Note (IIN) ABP/3E

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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://legislation.gov.uk)).

## 2. Scope

Import conditions for flavouring innards for the manufacture of pet food.

Flavouring innards are defined in [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#) as a liquid or dehydrated derived product of animal origin used to enhance the palatability values of pet food.

Flavouring innards for the manufacture of pet food may be manufactured from:

- a. Category 3 material, **other** than material referred to in Article 10 (c), (m), (n), (o) and (p) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#);
- b. In the case of imported pet food or pet food produced from imported materials, from Category 1 material referred to in Article 8 (c) comprising of animal by-products derived from animals which have been submitted to illegal treatment as defined in Article 1 (1) (d) of [Directive 96/22](#).

## 3. Production standards

Flavouring innards for the manufacture of pet food must have been produced and stored in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIII, Chapters I and III, of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#). In particular they must have been submitted to a treatment method and parameters, which ensure that the product complies with the microbiological standards set out in point 5 of Chapter II of Annex XIII of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

They must be packed in new or sterilised packaging or transported in bulk containers or other means of transport that were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

## 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](#)

**In the case of meat**

Must come from countries listed the document for fresh meat of ungulates from which imports of fresh meat are authorised from the same species and where only bone-in meat is permitted.

### **In the case of fish materials**

Must come from countries listed in Annex II to [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/626](#).

## **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. 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.

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

## **6. Sampling**

Random samples must be taken from flavouring innards during production and/or during storage (before despatch) to verify compliance with the standards laid down in point 5 of Chapter II of Annex XIII of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#) in respect of salmonella and enterobacteriaceae.

Attestation '[AH/800A Testing](#) in GBHC564 'Flavouring innards for use in the manufacture of petfood' covers these sampling requirements. The intention of this attestation is that the competent authority assures themselves, prior to signing the certificate, that the sampling has been carried out prior to dispatch, **during or after storage at the processing plant** and complies with microbiological GB requirements.

**There is no requirement for the sampling to be carried out by the competent authority.**

## **7. 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 3(E) of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

[Petfood: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/petfood-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 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/guidance/import-risk-categories-for-animals-and-animal-products-imported-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-from-31-january-2024)

## 8. Labelling requirements

The end product must be packed in new or sterilised bags or transported in bulk in containers or other means of transport that were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by the competent authority before use, and which bear labels indicating 'NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION'.

## 9. Contact for further information

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

Centre for International Trade - Carlisle  
Eden Bridge House  
Lowther Street  
Carlisle  
CA3 8DX

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