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# Import of Animal By-products for the Manufacture of Pet Food

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

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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](http://legislation.gov.uk)).

## 2. Scope

Import conditions for animal by-products for the manufacture of pet food.

Animal by-products for the manufacture of pet food may be manufactured from:

- a. Category 3 material referred to in Articles 10 (a), (b), (e), (f), (i), (j), (k) and (l) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#);
- b. Category 1 material referred to in Article 8(c) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#) comprising of animal by-products derived from animals which have been submitted to illegal treatment as defined in Article 1 (2) (d) of [Directive 96/22](#).

## 3. Production standards

Animal by-products to be used for the manufacture of pet food must have been produced, processed and stored in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 8 points 1 to 3 of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

In the case of Category 1 raw material referred to in 1 (b) above for pet food production the raw material must also comply with point 5.1 of Section 8, Chapter II of Annex XIV.

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 bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine and equine animals including farmed and wild animals**

Must come from countries or parts of countries listed in the document from which imports of fresh meat of ungulates for human consumption are permitted.

### **In the case of raw material from poultry including ratites**

Must come from countries or parts of countries listed the document from which imports of fresh poultry and poultry products are permitted.

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

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

#### **In the case raw material from other wild land mammals and leporidae**

Must come from countries listed in the document from which imports of fresh meat of wild Leporidae, certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits are permitted.

## **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. 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(F) of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

[Petfood: 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 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## 7. Labelling requirements

The product must be packed in new packaging preventing any leakage and in officially sealed containers bearing the label indicating ‘RAW MATERIAL ONLY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PETFOOD’” and the name and address of the EU establishment of destination.

## 8. Monitoring of the products to an approved premises

Following the veterinary checks provided for in [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1715](#), and in accordance with the conditions laid down in [Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1666](#), the animal by-products must be transported directly from the BCP under Customs procedures to either an approved or registered establishment or plant referred to in Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 8, point 4 of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#):

### **In the case of Category 1 raw material referred to in 1 (c) above for pet food production the raw material only**

Following the veterinary checks, the animal by-products must be transported directly to a premises referred to in Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 8, point 5.1(c) of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

## 9. Contact for further information

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

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Carlisle  
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