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Import of Certain Processed Animal By-Products for Use or Resale as Educational Tools only

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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).

2. Scope

Import conditions for certain processed animal by-products which are intended for use or resale as educational tools only.

This IIN covers the following derived products only:

- Vertebrate, invertebrate, aquatic animals and their by-products which have undergone a manufacturing or preservation process that reduces to an acceptable level risk to public or animal health;
- Plastomounted invertebrate, vertebrate and aquatic animals and their by-products;
- Sealed microscope slides of invertebrate, vertebrate and aquatic animals and their by-products.

All animal based materials used in the products must originate materials as defined in Articles 8, 9 and 10 of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#).

If you wish to import any other animal by-products for use or resale as educational tools which are not listed above, you may require an authorisation issued by Defra. Please contact the Centre for International Trade – Imports (see Section 8).

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please be aware that these are the UK's requirements.
- If you wish to import to an EU Member State it is the importer's responsibility to seek advice from the Competent Authority of that Member State to ascertain the import conditions that apply including if you plan to re-export from the UK, as per point 7 below.
- Importers should be aware that the requirements for importing specific processed animal by-products which are intended for use or resale as educational tools may change at any given time. If you would like to be added to a database to receive Information notifying stakeholders of changes in legislation, please fill in the [proforma](#).

3. Country of origin

The certain processed animal by-products which are intended for use or resale as educational tools must come from a third country listed as a Member of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in the OIE bulletin.

- [World Organisation for Animal Health \(OIE\)](#)

4. Health certification/documentation

There is a general authorisation [IMP/GEN/2013/04](#) available which lays down the import conditions in full for imports of certain processed animal by-products which are intended for use or resale as educational tools from third countries. Each consignment must be accompanied by:

- a copy of the general authorisation IMP/GEN/2013/04 mentioned above;
- commercial documentation completed and signed by the senior manager of the facility on company letter headed paper and dated no less than 2 months from the date of import of each consignment stating the following information:
 - Name of the establishment of production;
 - Name and address of the consignor and consignee;
 - Name of the manufacturer, quantity shipped and identification marks;
 - Country of origin;
 - Species of animal the animal by-product was obtained from;
 - Type of product imported;
 - That the products were not derived from an animal known or suspected to be infected with a disease which is notifiable in accordance with the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) International Animal Health Code or originate from animals in a premises, region or zone that is subject to official restrictions by the Competent Authority due to a serious disease to which the animals are susceptible;
 - That the products were not derived from an animal known or suspected to be infected with a disease transmissible to humans (zoonotic disease);
 - The animal by-products were specifically sourced for the manufacture of educational use products only prior to processing;
 - Details of the manufacturing or preservation process, including the products used in these processes, that reduces to an acceptable level risk to public or animal health, including list of products used to mitigate such risks.

5. Packaging

The product must be securely packaged in clean, leak proof containers.

6. Labelling requirements

That the outer packaging is clearly labelled “NOT FOR FEED OR FOOD USE – FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY”.

7. Export to EU Member States or third countries

If the product is to be supplied to an organisation in an EU Member State/re-exported, you should ensure that the importing country will permit entry prior to export and that you have the correct paperwork to accompany the product before the export takes place.

8. 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
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