Animal & Plant Health Agency

Import of Blood and Blood Products from Equidae for use Outside the Feed Chain

Import Information Note (IIN) ABP/4A

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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

Import conditions for blood and blood products from equidae for use outside the feed chain.

Blood is defined in Regulation (EU) 142/2011 as meaning fresh whole blood and blood products are defined in Regulation (EU) 142/2011 as meaning derived products from blood or fractions of blood, excluding blood meal; they include dried/frozen/liquid plasma, dried whole blood, dried/frozen/liquid red cells or fractions thereof and mixtures.

Blood and blood products from equidae for use outside the feed chain must only be derived from Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10 (a), (b), (d) and (h) of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

3. Production standards

The blood and blood products from equidae must have been collected, produced and stored in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 3 and Annex XIII, Chapter IV point 1(a) and point 2 of Regulation (EU) 142/2011.

If applicable the blood products must have been submitted to the appropriate treatment method as set out in Annex XIII, Chapter IV, 2(b)(ii) of Regulation (EU) 142/2011.

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

Untreated blood and blood products:

Must come from countries or parts of countries listed in the document for equidae, from which the importation of equidae for breeding and production is allowed.

Treated blood products:

Must come from countries listed in the document for fresh meat of ungulates, from which imports of fresh meat of domestic equidae is authorised.

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.

Consolidated lists of approved establishments/plants are available on:

- data.gov.uk for **non-EU countries**
- and here for **EU Countries**

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.

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 4(A) of Regulation (EU) 142/2011.

Blood products: 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 31st 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 blood and blood products must be packed in sealed in accordance with point 3 of chapter IV of annex X111 of Regulation (EU) 142/2011. Impermeable containers must be clearly labelled “BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS FROM EQUIDAE. NOT FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION – ABP Category X” and bear the approval number of the establishment of collection or in the case of blood products the approval number of the production establishment.

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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