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Import of Treated Hides and Skins of Ruminants and Equidae that have been kept separate for 21 days or will undergo Transport for 21 days before Importation

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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).

2. Scope

Import conditions for treated hides and skins of ruminant and of equidae that have been kept separate for 21 days or will undergo transport for 21 uninterrupted days before importation.

Treated hides and skins from ungulates must only be derived from Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10(a), (b)(i), (b)(iii) and (n) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#).

3. Production standards

The treated hides and skins must have been obtained, produced and stored in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 4 points 3 and 4 of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

The hides and skins must have undergone one of the following treatments:

- a. dried;
- b. dry-salted or wet-salted for a period of at least 14 days prior to dispatch; or
- c. salted for a period of at least seven days in sea salt with the addition of 2 % of sodium carbonate.

After treatment the treated hides and skins must have been kept separate for a period of 21 days.

In the case of salted hides and skins transported by ship

The treated hides and skins have been treated as referred to in point 28 (b) or (c) of Annex I of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#) and have been kept separated after treatment during transportation for a period of at least 14 days in the case of the treatment referred to in point 28(b) or seven days in the case of the treatment referred to in point 28(c) before importation and the health certificate accompanying the consignment attests such treatment and the duration of the transportation.

4. Country of origin

Treated hides and skins of ruminants and equidae can be imported from any country.

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 5(C) of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

[Hides, horns and trophies: 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. Contact for further information

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

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