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Import of Animal By-Products to be used for Purposes outside the Feed Chain

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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 animal by-products to be used for purposes outside the feed chain.

The animal by-products must only be derived from Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10 (a) to (m) of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#).

In the case of fur for the manufacture of derived products, the animal by-products must only be derived from Category 3 material referred to in Article 10(n) of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

3. Production standards

Animal by-products to be used for purposes outside the feed chain must have been produced and stored in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 8 of [Regulation \(EU\) 142/2011](#).

The Animal by-products must be deep frozen at the plant of origin or have been preserved in accordance with GB legalisation in such a way to prevent spoiling between dispatch and delivery to the establishment or plant of destination.

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 animal by-products for the manufacture of pharmaceuticals

Countries listed in the documents for:

- Fresh meat of ungulates or
- Poultry and poultry products or
- Meat of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits or
- Japan, Philippines or Taiwan.

In the case of animal by-products for the manufacture of products to be use outside the feed chain for farmed animals, other than pharmaceuticals

Countries listed in the documents for:

- Fresh meat of ungulates, from which imports of fresh meat of the respective species is authorised, or
- Poultry and poultry products, or
- Meat of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits, or
- In the case of material from fish, 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.

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](https://gov.uk).

The health certificates are based on the requirements included in Annex XV Chapter 8 of Regulation (EU) 142/2011.

[Other animal by-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 animal by-products must be in containers sealed under the responsibility of the competent authority, bearing the label indicating “ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS ONLY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF DERIVED PRODUCTS FOR USES OUTSIDE THE FEED CHAIN” and the name and address of the GB establishment of destination.

8. Monitoring of the products to an approved premises

Following the veterinary checks provided for in [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1715](#), and in accordance with the conditions laid down in [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1666](#), the animal by-products must be transported directly from the BCP under Customs procedures to either:

- A registered establishment or plant of destination, which has provided a guarantee that the animal by-products shall be used only for the purpose of producing the products for which it has been registered or approved, as applicable, as specified by the competent authority if necessary, and shall not leave the plant untreated other than for direct disposal;
- An establishment or plant which has been approved in accordance with Article 24(1)(h) of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009;
- A registered user or collection centre, which has provided a guarantee that the animal by-products shall be used only for permitted purposes, as specified by the competent authority if necessary; or
- An establishment or plant which has been approved in accordance with Article 24(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

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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Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street
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