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Import Information Note (IIN) BSAL/1

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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 live animals and germplasm, which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.

[General information for imports of live animals and germplasm \(defra.gov.uk\)](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](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)).

2. Scope

The conditions that apply to imports into Great Britain of salamanders in relation to the fungus *Batrachochytrium salamandrivor* (Bsal), as set out in [Decision \(EU\) 2018/320](#).

Consignments should be imported under commodity code 01069000.

3. Import requirements

a) 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](#)

Article 4 of [Decision \(EU\) 2018/320](#) states that salamanders may only be imported from countries listed in one of the following lists found at the above link:

- Equidae;
- Meat products;
- Poultry and poultry products;
- Meat of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits;
- Fresh meat of ungulates;
- Milk and milk products.

b) Health certificate/documentation

The importer/agent must provide a written attestation in English to the Border Control Post of entry into GB, which is signed by the natural or legal person responsible for the appropriate establishment of destination, stating:

- (a) the name and address of the appropriate establishment of destination;
- (b) that the appropriate establishment of destination complies with the minimum conditions set out in Annex II to Decision (EU) 2018/320;
- (c) that the consignment of salamanders will be accepted for quarantine.

Imports to Great Britain must be accompanied by:

- the appropriate health certificate, which can be found on GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/other-live-animals-health-certificates> and
- a fitness to travel declaration signed by the owner/exporter, for both pets and commercial imports.

c) General requirements

Consignments of salamanders from countries must meet the following conditions:

- the salamanders must not show clinical signs of Bsal, in particular they must show no skin lesions and ulcers at the time of examination by the official veterinarian within 48 hours of the time of dispatch of the consignment;
- the epidemiological unit comprising the salamanders in the consignment must have been isolated from other salamanders at the latest at the time of the examination for the purposes of issuing of animal health certificate and they must not have been in contact with other salamanders since that time.

d) Quarantine

On arrival in Great Britain, salamanders must be quarantined in an appropriate establishment of destination, which meets the conditions set out in Annex II of [Decision \(EU\) 2018/320](#).

Please contact [CEFAS](#) to arrange quarantine requirements and for more information.

Consignments will be released from quarantine by the official or approved veterinarian by a written authorisation either:

- when a consignment comprises 62 or more salamanders and testing has been carried out in line with points 1 and 2 of Annex III of [Decision \(EU\) 2018/320](#), provided that at least 6 weeks has elapsed since the date the salamanders entered quarantine and not before the receipt of the negative test results (whichever is later); or
- when a consignment comprises less than 62 salamanders after satisfactory completion of the treatment in accordance with points 1(b) and 3 of Annex III of [Decision \(EU\) 2018/320](#).

4. Northern Ireland

Trade movements from Northern Ireland into Great Britain are treated as national movements and as such, no animal health conditions are applicable in respect of those movements. You can find additional information on movements from NI to GB [here](#).

5. Contact for further information on import requirements

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the CEFAS or the APHA Imports team:

Fish Health Inspectorate
Barrack Road
The Nothe
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