

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981

**IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND POULTRY PRODUCTS ORDER
1980 (AS AMENDED)**

IMPORT LICENCE

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this licence issued under the terms of Article 4 of the Importation of Animal Products and Poultry Products Order 1980 (as amended) authorises subject to and in accordance with the conditions set out below, the landing in England of:

Composite products intended for human consumption, not containing any meat or unprocessed product of animal origin and with less than half their substance comprising of any other processed product of animal origin. Product

from

All non EU countries, except when the composite product contains a milk product in which case the milk product must comply with the appropriate conditions of origin overleaf. Countries of origin

All ports and airports in England Ports of entry

until further notice or unless revoked by the Secretary of State.

Any products imported under this licence shall be made available if so required for inspection by an Officer of DEFRA at any place nominated by him/her for such inspection, The importer or his agent shall afford all assistance necessary to such an officer to enable him/her to carry out the inspection in such a manner as he/she shall determine and the importer shall be responsible for meeting any costs of carrying out such an inspection.

Dated: 28 March 2007



Officer of the Department for
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

CONDITIONS

1. The composite products must be:-

i). shelf stable at ambient temperature, or have clearly undergone in their manufacture a complete cooking or heat treatment process throughout their substance, so that any raw product is denatured.

ii). clearly identified as intended for human consumption.

iii). securely packaged or sealed in clean containers.

iv). accompanied by a commercial document and labelled in an official language of an EU Member State, so that the document and the labelling together give information on the nature, quantity and number of packages of the composite product, the country of origin, the manufacturer and the ingredients.

2. Where a composite product contains a milk product, that milk product may come from :

(a) the following countries;

Andorra, Australia, Canada, Switzerland, Chile, Greenland, Croatia, Iceland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand and United States of America.

if it has undergone the following treatment;

a single heat treatment with a heating effect at least equal to that achieved by a pasteurisation process of at least 72 °C for at least 15 seconds sufficient to ensure a negative reaction to a phosphatase test.

(b) the following countries;

Andorra, Albania, Netherland Antilles, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Botswana, Belarus, Belize, Bosnia – Herzegovina, Canada, Switzerland, Chile, People Republic of China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Algeria, Ethiopia, Greenland, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Honduras, Croatia, Israel, Iceland, Kenya, Morocco, Madagascar, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Russia, Singapore, El Salvador, Swaziland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, South Africa, Zimbabwe.

if it has undergone one of the following treatments;

(i) a sterilisation process, to achieve an F_0 value equal to or greater than three,

or

(ii) an ultra high temperature (UHT) treatment at 132°C for at least one second,

or

(iii) a high temperature short time pasteurisation treatment at 72°C for at least 15 seconds or equivalent pasteurisation effect achieving a negative reaction to a phosphatase test (HTST) applied twice to milk with a pH equal to or above 7,0,

or

(iv) a HTST treatment of milk with a pH below 7,0,

or

(v) a HTST treatment combined with another physical treatment by:

- (i) either lowering the pH below 6 for one hour,
or
- (ii) additional heating to 72 °C or more, combined with desiccation.

NOTES

1. This licence does not apply to;
Biscuits,
Bread,
Cakes,
Chocolate,
Confectionary (including sweets),
Unfilled gelatine capsules,
Food supplements packaged for the final consumer containing small amounts of animal product and those including glucosamine, chondroitin or chitosan,
Meat extracts and meat concentrates,
Pasta and noodles not mixed or filled with meat product,
Soups stocks and flavouring packaged for final consumer, containing meat extracts, meat concentrates, animal fats, powders or extracts.
2. Nothing in this licence gives exemption from any prohibition or restriction imposed by the Imported Food Regulations 1984, the provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990 and Regulations made under it, the Animal By-Products (Identification) Regulations 1995, the Marketing Authorisations for Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 1994 or by any regulation superseding or amending the same. Further information is given in leaflet XMC 631, available from the address below.
3. This is not a Department of Trade and Industry licence and gives no exemption from any prohibition, regulation or restriction imposed by the Department of Trade and Industry.
4. Please note that while this licence is current at the time of its issue, conditions can be subject to frequent change and importers are advised to check the latest position with the International Animal Health Division, Imports Policy Branch (see below).

CAUTION

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any import covered by this licence complies with the terms and conditions as set out.

Any breach of any conditions attached to this licence will constitute an offence against the Animal Health Act 1981.

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