

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972

**THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2006 (AS AMENDED)**

GENERAL IMPORT AUTHORISATION

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this authorisation issued under the terms of Regulation 4 of the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (England) Regulations 2006 (as amended) authorises subject to and in accordance with the conditions set out below, the landing in England of:

Animal tissue derived from mammals and birds fixed in formalin intended as a display item (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 142/2011) (See note p)	Product
from	
Countries listed in row 14 of table 2, Section 1, Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 (see note p)	Countries of origin
at	
Any Border Inspection Post in England (see note o)	Ports of entry

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



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Dated: 21 March 2011

Officer of the Department for
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Conditions attached to this authorisation

1. This authorisation is valid for multiple consignments and the net weight of the imported material per consignment must not exceed 15 kg.
2. Each consignment must be accompanied by:
 - a copy of this authorisation;
 - a commercial document providing the the description of the material and the animal species of origin, the category of the material, quantity of the material, place of dispatch of material and the name and address of consignor and consignee;
 - a declaration (see note a) signed by a veterinarian or director of the laboratory/establishment confirming that the tissue has been thoroughly fixed in formalin such that the formalin has penetrated throughout the entire sample/specimen (see note c).
3. The packaging must be clearly labelled to indicate the general authorisation number under which the product is imported. The label should also state that material is for importation into the UK as a display item.
4. The products must remain in their original wrapping at all times until their arrival at destination premises.
5. All consignment must be taken directly from the Border Inspection Post to the destination premises.
6. The consignment, or its packaging, must not be allowed to come into contact with any ruminating animals, swine, poultry or horses.
7. None of the material to which this authorisation relates shall be used for human consumption under any circumstances.
8. Once the exhibition or artistic activity in has finished, the material must be either re-dispatched to the Third country of origin, dispatched to another Member State or another Third country (see note i) on disposed of in accordance with the requirements of as appropriate in accordance with the requiremenst of Articles 12, 13 and 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.
9. If there is an outbreak of a notifiable/reportable disease in the exporting country/countries, the conditions of this authorisation may change. In this event, you should contact Animal Health (see below). For information on animal diseases

please see:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/diseases/atoz/notifiable.htm>

10. If the product is to be supplied to another establishment, the importer must make the recipient aware of the requirement to destroy or re-export the material (see notes f and h).
11. Products imported under this authorisation are for display only. A complete record/audit trail must be kept by all parties that handle the material. Products must not under any circumstances be supplied to a third party as a commercial transaction.
12. If at any time you are unable to meet the conditions on the authorisation; or any unlicensed animal pathogen is discovered in the imported material, work must be suspended immediately and the facts reported at once to the local Animal Health Office <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/search/>
13. The importer is responsible for ensuring that the person(s) sending the material to the UK is/are aware of the conditions of this authorisation.
14. You must inform the local Animal Health Office if you intend to use this authorisation (see note i).
15. Any products and records relating to the product imported under this authorisation shall be made available if so required for inspection by an Officer of Animal Health 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.

NOTES

- a) Please see the [guidance](#) for the declaration template.
- b) It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that the exporter provides the necessary declaration referred to above.
- c) **Formalin:** Aqueous solutions of formaldehyde are referred to as formalin. 100% formalin consists of a saturated solution of formaldehyde (this is about 40% by volume or 37% by mass) in water. Importers should note that the time taken to fix the tissue varies with factors such as the thickness of the tissue. **When tissues are initially fixed in formalin it is normal to use about 10 volumes of fixative to one volume of tissue.** Formalin fixed specimens for research must be cut so that one dimension is no greater than one centimetre and must be placed in not less than 9 times its own volume of 10% formalin for at least 48 hours before being imported. Larger specimens for example for museum and educational purposes must be placed in not less than 9 times its own volume of 10% formalin for at least

two weeks before being imported. When the tissue is imported into the UK, providing the tissue has been thoroughly fixed throughout, the same volume of fixative is not required.

- d) **Safety:** Importers are responsible for ensuring that the health and safety requirements relating to the specimens, any infectious agents and the fixative are appropriately assessed and dealt with by ensuring suitable packaging and labelling. See condition 3.
- e) This authorisation cannot be used for animal material fixed in formalin that is intended for display. If you wish to import other animal derived material, you will need to apply for a specific licence. If the diagnostic work involves animal pathogens, you will need to [apply for a Pathogens Licence](#),
- f) A list of approved incineration premises is available on our website: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/byproducts/incinerators/index.htm>
- g) Further information on the importation of Specified Animal Pathogens is available from the Defra website at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/diseases/pathogens/index.htm#list>

A copy of the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008 can be obtained from the following website: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20080944_en_1
- h) If the material is to be re-exported, you should ensure that the importing country will permit entry and that you have the correct paperwork to accompany the consignment.
- i) Importers should notify Animal Health if they wish to use this Authorisation at APIChelmsford@animalhealth.gsi.gov.uk.
- j) **Display item** is defined in Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as animal by-products or derived products intended for exhibitions or artistic activities.
- k) Should you wish to import Research and Diagnostic Samples or Trade Samples as defined in Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, please contact the Specialist Service Centre for Imports, Animal Health Chelmsford (see below).
- l) This authorisation only relates to animal products. If you wish to import live animals of the species listed above, you should contact the Specialist Service Centre for Imports, Animal Health Chelmsford (see below).
- m) Please refer to [Importer Information Notes \(IINs\)](#) on the Defra website for further information on importing animals and animal products.
- n) A list of [Border Inspection Posts](#) is on the Defra website.

- o) European legislation is available on the [Commission website](#).
- p) Nothing in this authorisation gives exemption from any prohibition or restriction imposed by any other legislation including the Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2006 , 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 the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health, International Air Transport Association, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species or by any regulation superseding or amending the same.
- q) This authorisation is granted under animal health import legislation and gives no exemption from any prohibition, regulation or restriction imposed by any other Government Department or Agency.
- r) Please note that while this authorisation 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 Specialist Service Centre for Imports, Animal Health Chelmsford (see below).

CAUTION

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

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

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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