

## RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH

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#### **NOTICE TO TRADERS 06/19**

### INFORMATION ON WTO TARIFF RATE QUOTAS MANAGED BY IMPORT RIGHTS

What will happen to your import rights if the UK leaves the EU without a deal or enters into an extension period?

#### Introduction

Leaving the EU with a deal remains the Government's top priority. This has not changed.

However a responsible government must plan for every eventuality, including a no deal scenario. We recommend that businesses and individuals now also ensure they are prepared and enact their own plans as they judge necessary.

Following the issue of Notice to Traders 01/19, this notice provides up-to-date information for those quotas managed by import rights.

# Import Rights

You may want to apply for a licence if you have valid import rights, allocated by the RPA before the EU Exit date (please check your quota requirements are applicable).

Importantly, you must apply for your licence before the date on which the UK leaves the EU. Any import rights which have not been converted into a licence before the UK leaves the EU will no longer be valid in either the UK or the EU.

#### **Poultrymeat Tariff Rate Quotas**

## Commission Regulation (EC) No 616/2007

For import rights that have been allocated under order numbers 09.4215, 09.4254, 09.4255 and 09.4256 for sub-periods 1, 2 and 3 of the quota year beginning on 1 July 2018:

- you will need to apply for your import licence before the date the UK leaves the
- your import licence will be valid for 15 working days from the date of issue.

For import rights allocated under order numbers 09.4215, 09.4254, 09.4255 and 09.4256 for sub-period 4 of the quota year beginning on 1 July 2018:

- these will not be valid until 1 April 2019 and, therefore, will not be honoured if the UK leaves the EU on 29 March without a deal.
- However, if the UK enters an extension period before leaving the EU, you will be able to apply for your import licence against these rights.

For import rights allocated under order numbers 09.4257, 09.4258 and 09.4259 for the quota year beginning on 1 July 2018:

- you will need to apply for your import licence before the date the UK leaves the EU.
- your import licence will be valid for 15 working days from the date of issue.

#### **Beef Tariff Rate Quotas**

# Commission Regulation (EC) No 412/2008

For import rights that have been allocated under order numbers 09.4057 and 09.4058 for sub-periods 1,2 and 3 of the quota year beginning on 1 July 2018:

- you will need to apply for your import licence before the date the UK leaves the EU.
- Import licences will be valid for 120 calendar days following the date of issue, but not beyond 30 June 2019.

## Commission Regulation (EC) No 431/2008

For import rights that have been allocated under order number 09.4003 for the quota year beginning on 1 July 2018:

- you will need to apply for your import licence before the date on which the UK leaves the EU.
- your import licence will be valid for the month of issue plus 3 months.

#### **Enquiries**

If you have any questions about this notice please contact the RPA Trader Team on tel: 03300 416500 or email: trader@rpa.gov.uk