



Rural Payments  
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## **RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY**

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### **NOTICE TO TRADERS 12/19: BEEF AND VEAL**

#### **IMPORT OF FROZEN BEEF AND VEAL: ALLOCATION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY QUOTA (GATT)**

##### **Introduction**

This notice is to advise you of the rules for the GATT beef quota for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. The contents of this notice are intended as a guide only.

##### **Background**

The quantity which may be imported under these arrangements is 54,875 tonnes of frozen beef and veal (expressed as boneless), falling within CN codes 0202 and 0206 2991 that must be frozen with an internal temperature of -12°C or lower. The Common Customs duty applicable to this quota is 20% ad valorem.

For the purposes of this quota, 100kgs of bone-in meat equates to 77kgs of boneless meat.

The quota will be managed by first allocating import rights and subsequently issuing import licences.

##### **Eligibility**

You may apply for an allocation of the quantity available if you are an established importer and able to furnish proof of having imported into the community, fresh or frozen beef falling under CN codes 0201, 0202, 0206 1095 or 0206 2991 between 1 May 2018 and 30 April 2019.

##### **Applying for Import Rights**

You may apply for import rights under this quota between 8 May 2019 and midday on 31 May 2019.

In order to give the maximum time possible to resolve any queries, please submit your application for import rights, together with any supporting proof documents, as soon as possible.

Your application for import rights must be accompanied by:

- A security of €6 per 100kgs - which may be forfeit, in proportion to the unused quantity, if you do not fully use your allocation;
- The proof of reference quantities (that is, Customs documents of release for free circulation) for all paper licences. Each proof must be marked with a cross-reference to previous licences issued; and
- A copy of your current VAT certificate.

**Note: If you are registered as part of a group, you must provide an up to date VAT Certificate that lists each company within the group.**

### **Application Form GATT-A**

You can find a copy of the application form GATT-A with this notice. Alternatively, you can contact the Imports team on the helpline number below.

You must complete all parts of the form. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected. Part B must be fully completed to ensure the total quantity is the sum of the electronic, paper and non-licence quantities, which should match your proof spreadsheet.

### **Proofs Spreadsheet**

You can find a copy of the spreadsheet for the collation of proofs with this notice. Alternatively, you can contact the Imports team on the numbers below.

You must:

- List licence numbers and attributions on the GATT spreadsheet that have been supplied;
- Ensure the spreadsheet clearly states your trader name and RPA registration number, in order to enable us to link the application form;
- Email the spreadsheets to [trader@rpa.gov.uk](mailto:trader@rpa.gov.uk) (a hard copy is not necessary).

For verification purposes, you must supply the original C88s or copies of the originals, stamped by Customs. We will not accept photocopies of the Customs stamp or scanned versions of these documents. These procedures do not apply to imports covered by an electronic licence, only to imports under a paper licence or no licence.

## **Allocation of Import Rights**

On the basis of applications received from all Member States, the European Commission will decide on the allocation of import rights. You will be informed of the quantity allocated to you during the period 1 to 16 July 2018. On receipt of the notification, you may apply for licences immediately, but only in the Member State where those rights were allocated.

## **Applying for Licences**

For licences under this quota your application must state:

- In box 8, the country of origin;
- In box 15, the full description, covering both CN codes in the group;
- In box 16, one of the following groups of CN codes:  
0202 1000, 0202 20 for bone-in beef; or 0202 30, 0206 2991 for boneless beef;
- In box 20, 'frozen meat of bovine animals – Commission Regulation (EU) No 431/2008' and Order No '09.4003'.

## **Licence Security**

Your licence application must be accompanied by a security of €12 per 100kgs. You can find further information on how to lodge your security [here](#).

## **Issue of Licences**

Your licence will be issued in the name of the operator who has obtained the import rights and will be valid from the actual day of issue until the end of the third month following that day.

## **Release of Licence Security**

If you use a paper licence, you must return your licence to us within 60 days of its expiry, fully used in order for security to be released in full.

Security on electronic licences will be released automatically once they have been used to 95% of the original quantity. If the electronic licence has not been fully used, the security will be forfeit in proportion to the amount unused.

## **Authority**

You will find details of these arrangements in Commission Regulation (EC) No 431/2008.

You can access all Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's [Europa](#) website. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the

Europa website. Whilst every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulations as published are definitive.

Copies of the Official Journals may also be obtained from Stationery Office bookshops and accredited agents, or ordered from the Stationery Office [website](#).

### **Questions**

If you have any questions about this notice, please call the Import Licensing section on 03300 416 500 and select option 2, or email [trader@rpa.gov.uk](mailto:trader@rpa.gov.uk).