



Rural Payments  
Agency

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## **NOTICE TO TRADERS 31/19**

### **INFORMATION ON GENERAL (NON QUOTA) IMPORT/EXPORT LICENCES**

**What are the requirements for general (full duty) import/export licences if the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 31 October 2019?**

#### **Introduction**

The UK is getting ready for Brexit on 31 October with or without a deal. As part of our preparations for Brexit, we are continuing to provide guidance to ensure businesses are aware of what they need to do to prepare.

This notice provides up-to-date information on requirements for general import/export licences if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

#### **Requirements for general import/export licences if the UK leaves the EU without a deal**

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 31 October, the products which require a general (non-quota) import or export licence, will remain the same as those currently in Commission Regulations (EU) No 2016/1237 and (EU) No 2016/1239. However, please note that where there is a requirement for an import or export licence, this will now apply to imports from, and exports to, EU countries. The process for applying and issuing of general licences will remain the same.

#### **Licence validity**

If you hold a general import licence from the RPA, this will be invalid for importing goods into the EU after 31 October 2019. However if the licence is valid beyond that date, you will still be able to use this licence to import goods into the UK.

## **Licences issued under Commission Regulation (EC) No 972/2006 for imports of rice from India or Pakistan**

If you hold a licence issued by the RPA under Commission Regulation (EC) No 972/2006, this will be invalid for importing into the EU after 31 October 2019. However if the licence is valid beyond that date, you will still be able to use this licence to import goods into the UK.

### **Licence security**

Where a licence security is required, this will now be taken in Sterling instead of Euros.

Details of the products covered by this notice are included in the Annex. Please ensure you check the information on licence security and licence validity.

### **Enquiries**

If you have any questions about this notice please contact the RPA Trader team on:

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or you can e-mail RPA at [trader@rpa.gov.uk](mailto:trader@rpa.gov.uk)

## LICENSING OBLIGATION — FOR IMPORTS

### Rice

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
1006 20	Husked (brown) rice, including products imported under tariff rate quotas managed by FCFS	£26/t	until the end of the second month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
1006 30	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed, including products imported under tariff rate quotas managed by FCFS	£26/t	until the end of the second month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
1006 40 00	Broken rice, including products imported under tariff rate quotas managed by FCFS	£1/t	until the end of the second month following the month of the day of issue
Maximum quantity for which no licence needs to be presented is 1000kg.			

### Seeds

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
ex 1207 99 20	Seeds of varieties of hemp, for sowing	No security required	until the end of the sixth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
1207 99 91	Hemp seeds other than for sowing	No security required	until the end of the sixth month following the month of the day of issue

### Flax and hemp

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
5302 10 00	True hemp, raw or retted	No security required	until the end of the sixth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence

### Ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
ex 2207 10 00	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 % vol. or higher	£ 1 per hectolitre	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
ex 2207 20 00	Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength	£ 1 per hectolitre	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
ex 2208 90 91	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80 % vol	£ 1 per hectolitre	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
ex 2208 90 99	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80 % vol.	£ 1 per hectolitre	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
Maximum quantity for which no licence needs to be presented is 100hl.			

PART II

LICENSING OBLIGATION FOR EXPORTS

Rice

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
1006 20	Husked (brown) rice	£3 /t	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
1006 30	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	£3 /t	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue

Maximum quantities for which no licence needs to be presented is 500kg.

This information is out of date.  
See GOV.UK for current information.