



Rural Payments Agency

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NOTICE TO TRADERS 30/19

Information on WTO Tariff Rate Quotas managed by Import Rights: Beef and Poultrymeat

What will happen to your import rights if the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 31 October?

Introduction

The UK will be leaving the EU on 31 October whatever the circumstances. The Government is committed to respecting the referendum result.

The Government would prefer to leave with a deal and will work in an energetic and determined way to get that better deal.

If it is not possible to reach a deal the UK will have to leave with no deal.

Following the issue of Notice to Traders 06/19, 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. Security held against these import rights will be automatically released.

Applications after EU Exit

Quantities will be available to apply for under the new UK tariff rate quota legislation from 1 November 2019 with licence validity starting on 1 December 2019. However quotas under the order numbers detailed below will no longer be managed by the process of allocating import rights and will be managed by import licence only. Further notices will be issued in advance of the application window detailing the quantities available and the application process.

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 and 2 of the quota year beginning on 1 July 2019:

- 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.

For import rights allocated under order numbers 09.4215, 09.4254, 09.4255 and 09.4256 for sub-period 3 of the quota year beginning on 1 July 2019:

- these will not be valid until 1 January 2020 and, therefore, will not be honoured if the UK leaves the EU on 31 October without a deal.

For import rights allocated under order numbers 09.4257, 09.4258 and 09.4259 for the quota year beginning on 1 July 2019:

- 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 and 2 of the quota year beginning on 1 July 2019:

- 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.

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 2019:

- 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:

- phone the RPA Trader Team on 03300 416500, or
- email: trader@rpa.gov.uk