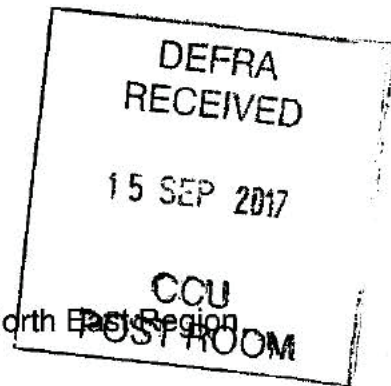




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Dear Mr Gove,

I write to you in your capacity as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Last week at a Parliamentary Reception hosted by Food and Drink Federation Scotland I was approached by Devro Plc who discussed concerns for the Food and Drink industry after Brexit.

This company is a major exporter of food products to the EU and highlighted major concerns regarding continuing access to the EU post Brexit. Below are the key issues highlighted in a letter sent to me

"UK not a listed non-EU permitted country - Only listed non-EU 3rd countries are permitted to import all animal derived products into the EU. When the UK leaves the EU it become a non-EU 3rd country and clearly will not be on the permitted list.

- a. EU Regulation 853/2004 lays down specific rules for collagen (as well as other animal derived products), including the origin of the raw material which may only be from the EU or listed non-EU countries EU Regulation 2016/759.
- b. Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 – Meat Product - Third countries ...from which introduction into the Union of that category of fresh meat of the respective species is authorised.
- c. Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 Poultry and poultry products - list of third countries.... from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into the Community.

Action needed - The UK needs to be added to this list of permitted non-EU countries to import animal derived products to the EU as defined in EU 2016/759. Only the European Commission can do this or a mutual agreement is needed. "

The letter also mentioned further aspects which need resolution and assurance.

Export Health Certificates are already under UK control however it would be beneficial for trade to continue smoothly when Brexit comes into effect if the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs began preparation of these documents for companies that will continue to have trade with the EU.



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In relation to these certificates, at present non-EU countries accept the same Export Health Certificates stating EU legislation. The UK need to clarify that after Brexit Non EU countries will accept UK trade without having completely different legislation. There needs to be equal access for multinational companies.

Finally, will approved collagen establishments keep their current registration number and will this be recognised by the EU?

With growing concerns from all areas of the farming and food production industries I would be keen to sit down and discuss DEFRA's position for these key industries coming out of the EU.

I will await your response and availability for suitable dates to meet with you in London.

Yours Sincerely

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