

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Animal Health Act 1981

The Importation of Animal Pathogens Order 1980 ("IAPO")

The Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008 ("SAPO Order")

General Licence to Import any Specified Animal Pathogen/Carrier (as Defined by Article 3(1) of the Specified Animal Pathogens Order) - England

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this general import licence issued under the terms of the IAPO authorises the importation of:

Any Specified Animal Pathogen or carrier of such a pathogen, as defined by article 3(1) of any of the Specified Animal SAPO Orders

(Pathogen or carrier)

from

Any place outside of GB

(Countries of origin)

at

Any commercial or military port or airport in England

(Port(s) of entry)

For research and diagnostic purposes in GB only

(Purpose)

until further notice or unless revoked by the Secretary of State.

Gordon Hickman

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

Date: 1 April 2020

Conditions for the Importation of any Specified Animal Pathogen/Carrier as Defined by Article 3(1) of the Specified Animal Pathogens Order

Pre-import

1. The material must be packed in sealed containers.
2. All inner and outer packaging must be swabbed with suitable disinfectant before leaving the exporting address.
3. The packaging must be clearly labelled to indicate the general licence number under which the material is imported. The label should also state that the material is for importation into GB for laboratory use for research or diagnostic purposes at a facility authorised to handle and store the imported pathogen or carrier.
4. Irrespective of the mode of transport, all specimens must be packaged so that they fully comply with the requirements of relevant Post Office or International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations.
5. You must inform **Centre of International Trade Carlisle (CITC)** if you intend to use this General Licence by completing an Importer Notification Form for Part 1, Schedule 1, Specified Animal Pathogens (AP05) available on GOV.UK and emailing it to the Imports Team at least one working day prior to importation. Please use IV69(E) as your email subject heading, attaching a copy of any applicable licence made under one of the SAPO Orders.

Post-import

6. The material must remain in its original wrapping at all times and be taken directly to the destination premises.
7. At all times during transit and on its arrival at its final destination the pathogen must be handled in accordance with any relevant conditions contained in any applicable licence made under one of the SAPO Orders.

Notes

This licence is granted under animal health legislation and gives no exemption from any prohibition, regulation or restriction imposed by any other Government Department or Agency.

Only laboratories listed in Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1099 of 1 August 2018 are authorised to handle live Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus.

For further information contact:

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APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.