



## Rural Payments Agency

### **RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY**

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#### **NOTICE TO TRADERS 15/14**

#### **BEEF AND VEAL**

#### **Import of frozen beef and veal: allocation of European community quota (GATT)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This notice is to advise you of the rules for the GATT beef quota for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. The contents of this notice are intended as a guide only.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. The quantity which may be imported under these arrangements is 53,000 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 and with a common Customs duty of 20% ad valorem.
3. The quota period is 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.
4. For the purposes of this quota, 100kgs of bone-in meat equates to 77kgs of boneless meat.
5. The quota will be managed by first allocating import rights and subsequently issuing import licences.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

6. 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 and 0206 2991 between 1 May 2013 and 30 April 2014.

#### **APPLYING FOR IMPORT RIGHTS**

7. You may only apply in the Member State where you are VAT registered.

8. You may apply for import rights under this quota between 12 May 2014 and close of play 30 May 2014. To apply you must complete the application form GATT-A.

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.

9. 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 entitlement/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**

10. A copy of the application form GATT-A can be found either on this email or by contacting the Beef Imports team on the numbers below.
11. You must complete:
- Part A to D – all boxes must be completed.
- Part B – all four quantity boxes must be completed ensuring the total quantity is the sum of the electronic, paper and non licence quantities.
12. You must be authorised by your company to sign form GATT-A.

#### **PROOFS SPREADSHEET**

13. Copies of the spreadsheet for the collation of proofs can be either on this email or by contacting the Beef Imports team on the numbers below. You must:
- list licence numbers and attributions on the GATT spreadsheet that has been supplied;
  - email the spreadsheets to [licence.beefimp@rpa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:licence.beefimp@rpa.gsi.gov.uk) (a hard copy is not necessary); and
  - ensure the spreadsheet clearly states your trader name and RPA registration number, in order to enable us to link the application form.

Following Notice to Traders [32/08](#) regarding the removal of non-preferential licences from 1 July 2008, you must provide Customs documentation as proof for non-licence imports.

14. You can contact the HMRC National Clearance Hub at [nchcap@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:nchcap@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk)

C88s which were not endorsed at the time of import should be sent for endorsement to:

Freepost RTGR-LSCG-LTJS  
HM Revenue & Customs  
GATT Copies  
National Clearance Hub  
Ralli Quays  
3 Stanley Street  
SALFORD  
M60 9LA

Tel: 03000 579 577

For future reference, goods being imported either with a CAP paper licence or without any licence, you must enter code 'CAP11' in box 44 of your declaration. This will enable you to receive an authenticated Customs document as required above.

15. For verification purposes you must supply the original C88s or a copy of the original stamped by Customs. We will not accept photocopies of the Customs stamp or scanned versions of these documents.

Please note that the above procedures do not apply to imports covered by an electronic licence, only to imports under a paper licence or no licence.

Applications which exceed your reference quantity may be rejected. Therefore, you should check the accuracy of the information prior to submission.

16. If you experience any problems in obtaining the spreadsheet please contact the Beef Imports Section of the Rural Payments Agency, Newcastle.

## **ALLOCATION OF IMPORT RIGHTS**

17. 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 01 July to 14 July 2014. Upon receipt of the notification, you may apply for licences immediately, but only in the Member State where those rights were allocated.

18. If using an agent to apply for licences on your behalf you must:
- provide a letter of authority on original headed paper at the beginning of the quota period as referred to in Notice to Traders [07/11](#). This

must show the same name and RPA trader registration number as that on the application for allocation of import rights;

- retain full records of licence applications and usage of your allocation;
- retain copies of your letters of authority; and
- licences will not be processed until a valid letter of authority is received.

### **APPLYING FOR LICENCES**

19. 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; and
- in box 20, 'frozen meat of bovine animals – Commission Regulation (EC) No 431/2008' and Order No '09.4003'.

### **LICENCE SECURITY**

20. Your application must be accompanied by a security of €12 per 100kgs.

### **TRANSFER OF RIGHTS**

21. The rights of your licence may be transferred. If you wish to transfer the rights you must complete box 6 of the licence application.

### **ISSUE OF LICENCES**

22. Your licence will be:

- issued in the name of the operator who has obtained the import rights;
- be valid from the actual day of issue until the end of the third month following that day;
- valid throughout the Community; and
- issued to cover both CN codes in one of the following groups:  
0202 1000 and 0202 20; or 0202 30 and 0206 2991.

### **RELEASE OF LICENCE SECURITY**

23. If using a paper licence you must return your licence to us within 45 days of expiry, fully utilised in order for security to be released in full.
24. 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.

### **ACCURACY OF INFORMATION**

25. You are responsible for the accuracy of your application and validity of proofs. Applications which do not meet the qualifying conditions will be rejected.

### **ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

26. As a measure to protect animal and public health, all products of animal origin may be subject to the conditions of a Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) import licence. Advice on whether a Defra licence is required can be obtained from Defra (International Trade Division – Animal Products) telephone (0207) 904 6496/6501.

### **AUTHORITY**

27. You will find details of these arrangements in Commission Regulation (EC) No 431/2008 published in Official Journal L130. You can access Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's [Europa website](#). Copies may also be obtained from Stationery Office bookshops and accredited agents, or ordered from the Stationery Office website ([www.tso.co.uk](http://www.tso.co.uk)). Please note that the Rural Payments Agency cannot provide any warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the Europa website. Whilst every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulation as published is definitive.

### **QUESTIONS**

28. If you have any queries concerning this notice, please contact the Beef Imports section of the Rural Payments Agency Newcastle on 0191 2265050.

Fax (0191) 226 5182

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[beefimports@rpa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:beefimports@rpa.gsi.gov.uk) (General Beef queries)