



Rural Payments Agency

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NOTICE TO TRADERS 03/18

PIGMEAT IMPORT QUOTA

Introduction

The quantities available for the next round of pigmeat import quotas are detailed in the attached Annex.

The application period

For the subperiod 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018, you may apply for import licences between 1 March 2018 and midnight on 7 March 2018.

It is your responsibility to ensure the application and all additional documentation is correct at the time of submission.

Note: We will reject any applications (including supporting documents), securities received after midnight on 7 March 2018 or proof of trade received after 5pm on 7 March 2018.

Proof of trade

If it is your first application of the quota year you must provide evidence to show that you imported or exported at least **50 tonnes** of product from the pigmeat sector within the meaning of Article 1(1)(q) of Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 during:

- the 12 month period immediately prior to the time of your application; and
- the 12 month period immediately prior to that

We will reject your application if there is not enough to qualify.

You must supply the original C88s, or a copy certified as a 'true copy' of the original stamped by Customs. We will not accept photocopies of the Customs stamp or scanned versions of these documents.

We do not require endorsed C88 documents for electronic licence attributions.

Supporting documents

If it is your first application of the quota year you must send us a valid **VAT certificate** when submitting your application. If you are registered as part of a group you must provide a valid VAT certificate that lists each company within the group.

Licence applications

In box 8, the country of origin:

- you must put a cross in the '**No**' box for order number 09.4038 and a cross in the '**Yes**' box for order number 09.4170; and

In box 20, special particulars:

- you must state the **regulation number** and **order number** that you are applying under

Applications under all order numbers must be for a minimum of **20 tonnes**.

Licence security

Applications under Commission Regulation (EC) No. 442/2009 must be accompanied by a security of **€20 per 100kgs**.

In box 11 you should state:

- the amount of security expressed in the same unit of currency that your guarantee is lodged;
- the type of security, for example 'block guarantee', 'cash' or 'single transaction guarantee'; and
- the trader number of the block guarantee holder if you are using another trader's block guarantee

If you are using another trader's block guarantee you must ensure that your cross reference details are set up before you send us your application. **We will reject your application if the cross reference is not set up and you do not submit security in another format within the application period.**

We will not accept any amendments to block guarantees after the application period has closed, including cross reference amendments.

Licence validity

Your licence will be valid for **150 days** from the first day of the subperiod but not beyond the last day of the quota year.

Release of security

You must return your paper licences within **60 days** of the expiry date. **If you do not you will forfeit your security.**

Security against the main electronic licence (excluding extracts) will be released automatically upon attribution of at least 95% of the licence quantity.

Transfer of rights

The rights of a licence may only be transferred to companies that have satisfied the proof of trade requirements detailed in this notice. The rights of a licence can only be transferred once, to the nominated transferee. Further transfers of rights are not permitted, other than to transfer the rights back to the original licence holder.

Animal and public health

To protect animal and public health, all products of animal origin may be subject to veterinary conditions or restrictions. You can call the Animal and Plant Health Agency Carlisle on 01228 403600 for advice on whether and under what conditions imports are allowed.

Authority

You can find details of the quantities available in Commission Regulation (EC) No. 442/2009 published in Official Journal L129. Copies can be obtained from Stationery Office bookshops and accredited agents, or ordered from the Stationery Office website www.tso.co.uk.

You can also access the Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's website <http://www.eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the Europa website. Whilst every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulations as published are definitive.

Enquiries

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

- 03300 416500;
- or by email at trader@rpa.gsi.gov.uk.

ANNEX 1**Quantities available for the period 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018**

Commission Regulation (EC) No 442/2009

Order No.	CN Codes	Max Qty. Available (kgs)
09.4038	ex 0203 19 55 ex 0203 29 55	6,902,000
09.4170	ex 0203 19 55 ex 0203 29 55	984,400