



Rural Payments Agency

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NOTICE TO TRADERS 08/17

BEEF AND VEAL

IMPORT OF FROZEN BEEF AND VEAL: ALLOCATION OF EUROPEAN UNION QUOTA (GATT)

INTRODUCTION

1. This notice is to advise you of the rules for the GATT beef quota for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. The contents of this notice are intended as a guide only.

BACKGROUND

2. The total quantity which may be imported into the EU under these arrangements is 54,875 tonnes of beef and veal (expressed as boneless), falling within CN codes 0202 and 0206 2991. The meat must be frozen with an internal temperature of -12°C or lower when it is imported.
3. The Common Customs Tariff duty applicable to this quota is 20% ad valorem.
4. The quota period is 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.
5. For the purposes of this quota, 100 kg of bone-in meat equates to 77 kg of boneless meat.
6. The quota will be managed firstly by allocating import rights and subsequently issuing import licences.

ELIGIBILITY

7. You may apply for an allocation of the quantity available if you are an established importer and are able to furnish proof of having imported into the EU, fresh or frozen beef falling under CN codes 0201, 0202, 0206 1095 and 0206 2991 between 1 May 2016 and 30 April 2017.

APPLYING FOR IMPORT RIGHTS

8. You may only apply in the Member State where you are VAT registered.
9. You may apply for import rights under this quota between 8 May 2017 and close of play 26 May 2017. To apply you must complete your application on a GATT-A form.

In order to give the maximum time possible to check your proofs and resolve any queries, please submit your application for import rights, together with any supporting proof documents, as soon as possible.

10. 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

11. A copy of the application form GATT-A can be found either with this Notice to Traders or by contacting the Import Licensing team on the telephone number below.
12. You must complete:

Parts 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.
13. You must be authorised by your company to sign form GATT-A.

PROOFS SPREADSHEET

14. Copies of the spreadsheet for the collation of proofs can be found either with this Notice to Traders or by contacting the Import Licensing team on the telephone number below.

You must:

 - List the licence numbers and attributions on the GATT spreadsheet that has been supplied;
 - E-mail the spreadsheets to trader@rpa.gsi.gov.uk (a hard copy is not necessary); and

- ensure each spreadsheet clearly states your trader name and RPA registration number, in order to enable us to link with 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.

15. You can contact the HMRC National Clearance Hub at

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, when completing the Chief entry for goods being imported either with a CAP paper licence or without a 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.

16. 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 using a paper licence or without a licence.

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

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

ALLOCATION OF IMPORT RIGHTS

18. 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 27 June to 10 July 2017. On receipt of your notification, you may apply for licences immediately, but only in the Member State where those rights were allocated.
19. If using an agent to apply for licences on your behalf you must:

- Retain full records of licence applications and usage of your allocation; and
- Retain copies of your letters of authority;

APPLYING FOR LICENCES

20. 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

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

TRANSFER OF RIGHTS

22. 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

23. 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, or 30 June if this is sooner;
- 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

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

25. 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 unused amount.

ACCURACY OF INFORMATION

26. 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

27. 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

28. You will find details of these arrangements in Commission Regulation (EC) No 431/2008 published in Official Journal L130.
29. You can access Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's website at (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>). **The Rural Payments Agency cannot guarantee the accuracy of this website. Whilst every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulation as published is definitive.**
30. You can also obtain copies from Stationery Office bookshops and accredited agents, or ordered from the Stationery Office website (www.tso.co.uk).

QUESTIONS

31. If you have any queries about this notice, please contact the Imports Licencing section as follows:

Our telephone helpline number – 03300 416 500 – Option 2;

Our fax number – 03300 416 501;

E-mail contact: trader@rpa.gsi.gov.uk