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Notice to Traders 08/21

Import of Frozen Beef and Veal Quota (GATT) under Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 1432

Introduction

This notice explains how the rules are applied to this quota and how to apply for a licence. It also advises you of the additional quota amount available in the February 2021 quota application period. The contents of this notice are intended as a guide only.

Background

The additional quantity which may be imported under these arrangements is 4,153,712 kg of frozen beef and veal (expressed as boneless meat), falling within CN codes 0202 and 0206 2991, which must be frozen with an internal temperature of -12°C or lower. The Common Customs Tariff duty applicable to this quota is 20% ad valorem.

For the purposes of this quota, 100 kg of bone-in meat equates to 77 kg of boneless meat.

This quota will be managed by issuing import licences.

Proof of Trade

If you have not previously qualified and received a GATT beef allocation in July 2020, you will need to provide proof that you imported at least 25 tonnes of beef in the 12 month period ending 31 March 2020 (1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020).

In addition to the above you must be established and registered for VAT in the UK. You must provide us with a copy of your current VAT registration certificate.

The proof we require will be as follows:

- A list of licence numbers (if the licence was issued in electronic format) and the quantities used.
- Copies of C88 documents, stamped and signed by Customs as true and certified (if the licence was issued in paper format or the commodity is non-licensable).

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.

Applying for a licence

Quota applications must be received during the first five calendar days of February.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your application, all supporting documentation and your security, is correct at the time of submission. They must be received by the RPA no later than 17:00 on Friday 5th February 2021.

Note: We will reject any applications where the security and / or proof of trade are received after 17:00 (UK time) on Friday 5th February 2021.

We advise you to use the latest version of the [application form](#). You can submit your applications either by post or by email. The email address for licence applications is trader@rpa.gov.uk

As part of the GATT beef import tariff quota, licence applications must include the following entries:

Box 8 of your application must state the country of origin;

Box 15, the full description, covering both CN codes in the group;

Box 16, one of the following groups of CN codes:

0202 1000, 0202 20 for bone-beef; or

0202 30, 0206 2991 for boneless beef;

Box 20, “frozen meat of bovine animals – Statutory Instrument No. 2020/1432” and order number “05.4003”.

Security

Your licence application must be accompanied by a security of £60.00 per tonne.

You can find further information on how to lodge your security by searching for

[Licence securities for the import/export of agricultural products](#) on GOV.UK

Issuing Licences

As soon as the application period has closed, we will collate the details of all valid quota applications received and calculate the applicable reduction coefficient. The reduction coefficient details will be published on the gov.uk website and your licence will be issued electronically towards the end of February for use from 1 March 2021.

Import licences will be valid until the end of 2020/2021 quota period (30 June 2021). All licences will be issued electronically as they are valid for imports into the UK only. Where an electronic licence is issued an email can be sent to inform you of its issue.

To receive this email notification, you must have already completed the appropriate sections of the [il3 form](#).

Authority

You will find details of these arrangements in Statutory Instrument 2020/1432. You can obtain copies from Stationery Office bookshops and accredited agents, or order them from the [Stationery Office](#) website.

You can also access Statutory Instruments electronically by visiting the UK's [Legislation website](#). We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the Legislation website. Whilst every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the Statutory Instrument as published is definitive.

Questions

If you have any questions about this notice, please call the Import Licensing team as follows:

- Our telephone helpline number – 03300 416 500 (select Option 1)
- Email contact – trader@rpa.gov.uk
- Our postal address is:

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