



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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FURTHER GUIDANCE ON RESTRICTIONS ON ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS FOLLOWING AN OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GERMANY AND ACCEPTABLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Purpose

1. To provide an update on import restrictions on certain animal by-products, and hay and straw, from Germany in response to the recent foot and mouth (FMD) outbreak.
2. To provide details and clarity on the acceptable supporting documentation for animal by-products not intended for human consumption imported from Germany following the outbreak of FMD.

Background

Import Restrictions

3. OVS note [2025/02](#) instructed that ABPs derived from FMD-susceptible animals, plus hay and straw, should be held, as an interim measure, while the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance worked to deliver safeguard declarations to restrict imports from Germany of commodities deemed to constitute a risk of FMD incursion.
4. Safeguard declarations have today been published to suspend commercial imports of a) hay and straw originating in Germany, and b) certain animal by-products of susceptible animals, where the animal by-product originates from Germany (a full list of which is provided in **Annex 1**). The restrictions are given effect in the following declarations:
 - [Foot and mouth disease - declaration of special measures: importation of certain products from Germany \(England\)](#)

- [Foot and mouth disease - declaration of special measures: importation of certain products from Germany \(Scotland\)](#)
- [Foot and mouth disease - declaration of special measures: importation of certain products from Germany \(Wales\)](#)

These safeguard measures apply from 7 February 2025 and will continue to apply until they are revoked or amended.

5. Imports of ABPs that are **not** restricted in the forthcoming safeguard measures (see **Annex 1**) and are **not** already restricted because of changes to Germany's country listings (see **Annex 2**) should be permitted entry if they meet all other import requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, **intermediate products, research & diagnostic samples** and other commodities covered by general import authorisations and licences [here](#).
6. Please note, any prohibited ABPs that have been held at the border in response to the FMD outbreak in Germany can be returned to Germany on a voluntary basis, subject to agreement by the veterinary authorities in Germany and the Port Health Authority in GB.

Acceptable supporting documentation

7. The following commodities will require supporting documentation to demonstrate they have undergone acceptable risk mitigation treatments or contain only permitted types of ABP, as set out in the safeguard declarations.
 - fat derivatives
 - pig bristles (in addition to health certificate)
 - processed petfood (other than canned petfood)
 - rendered fats for use outside the feed chain
 - treated wool and hair
 - treated game trophies or other preparations of susceptible animals, except those referred to in Section 5, point 1 of Annex XIV to Regulation 142/2011.
8. The following supporting documentation may be accepted until 12 February 2025:
 - copies of manufacturing records showing relevant parameters of the production process that relate to the specific goods in the consignment;
or
 - commercial document or statement signed by a person with knowledge of the relevant parts of the production process on company letter headed paper, that specifies the production parameters that relate to the specific goods in the consignment.

9. From 13 February 2025, the following supporting documentation will be expected:
- copies of manufacturing records showing relevant parameters of the production process that relate to the specific goods in the consignment;
or
 - commercial document or statement signed by a person **with knowledge of and responsibility for** the relevant parts of the production process on company letter headed paper, that specifies the production parameters that relate to the specific goods in the consignment.
10. Where the supporting documents are provided after the consignment is no longer under the control of the competent authority in the exporting country e.g. consignments currently detained at a BCP, you must be able to satisfy yourself that the documentation confirms that after making due enquiries and necessary checks the manufacturer can confirm that to the best of their knowledge, the manufacturing process complies with the required treatment and that documentary checks at the production site correlate with the lot/batch numbers etc on the commercial document/health certificate and comply with aforesaid treatment

Submitting the documents

11. The documents must be uploaded and attached to the CHED import notification the trader creates in IPAFFS, in the 'Additional Documentation' section before they submit it unless the goods are already detained at the BCP. This does not apply to treated wool and hair which is not subject to official controls at a BCP.
12. Port Health Authorities and Local Authorities should check the export health certificate or other supporting documentation to make sure they are satisfied that the ingredients have undergone the required treatment.

Action for OVSs

13. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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Annex 1: Safeguard declaration restrictions

The safeguard declarations suspend imports of **hay and straw** originating from Germany, and imports of the following animal by-products of susceptible animals, where the animal by-product originates from Germany:

- a. **Wool and hair**, unless it complies with sub-paragraph (c) or (d) in [Article 25 \(2\) of Regulation 142/2011](#)
- b. **Untreated pig bristles** ([GBHC571](#))
- c. **Pig bristles** ([GBHC570](#)), unless boiled for at least one hour
- d. **Treated hides and skins** ([GBHC541](#) & [GBHC542](#)), **except:**
 - i. hides and skins having undergone the complete process of tanning;
 - ii. wet blue;
 - iii. pickled pelts;
 - iv. limed hides which have been treated with lime and in brine at a pH of 12 to 13 for at least eight hours.
- e. **Untreated game trophies and other preparations of ungulates consisting of entire anatomical parts** ([GBHC543](#))
- f. **Treated game trophies or other preparations consisting of hides and skins** ([GBHC544](#)), except those referred to in paragraph (1) of [Section 5 of Chapter II of Annex 14 to Regulation 142/2011](#).
- g. **Treated game trophies or other preparations consisting of bone, horns, hooves, claws, antlers or teeth** ([GBHC544](#)), except those referred to in paragraph (1) of [Section 5 of Chapter II of Annex 14 to Regulation 142/2011](#), unless immersed in boiling water for an appropriate time so as to ensure that any matter other than bone, horns, hooves, claws, antlers or teeth is removed, and disinfected with hydrogen peroxide where parts consisting of bone are concerned.
- h. **Rendered fats for use outside the feed chain** ([GBHC511](#)), unless subjected to one of the processing methods 1 to 5 as referred to in [Chapter III of Annex IV to Regulation 142/2011](#).
- i. **Fat derivatives** ([GBHC513](#) and [GBHC512](#)) unless subjected to one of the following treatments:
 - i. transesterification or hydrolysis at least 200°C, under corresponding appropriate pressure, for 20 minutes (glycerol, fatty acids and esters);

- ii. hydrogenation at 160°C at 12 bars (12000 hPa) pressure for 20 minutes;
 - iii. any of the processing methods 1 to 5, as referred to in [Chapter III of Annex IV to Regulation 142/2011](#); or
 - iv. saponification with NaOH 12M (glycerol and soap) in a—
 - a. batch process at 95°C for three hours; or
 - b. continuous process at 140°C, 2 bars (2000 hPa) for eight minutes.
- j. **Milk, milk-based products and milk-derived products not for human consumption ([GBHC583](#))**
- k. **Colostrum and colostrum products ([GBHC587](#))**
- l. **Bones and bone products, horns and horn products and hooves and hoof products intended for use other than as feed material organic fertilisers or soil improvers**, unless accompanied by a commercial document stamped by the Competent Authority supervising the establishment of origin that one of the treatments referred to in points (iii), (iv) or (v) of paragraph 2(d) of [Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 7 of Regulation 142/2011](#) has been applied.
- m. **Processed manure from FMD-susceptible animals ([GBHC550](#))**.
- n. **Dog chews ([GBHC563](#)) made from untanned hides and skins or from bones of susceptible animals**. Other types of dog chew will continue to be permitted if they comply with the treatment requirements in GBHC563.
- o. **Processed petfood (other than canned petfood)** unless it has been subjected to one of the treatments referred to in points (i), (ii), (iii) or (v) of paragraph 3(b) of [Chapter II in Annex XIII to Regulation 142/2011](#).

Annex 2: ABP imports affected by suspension of Germany's approvals in the fresh meat of ungulates list and milk and milk products lists

Some ABPs are required to originate from countries or zones approved for fresh meat of the corresponding species in the [fresh meat of ungulates list](#) or [raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products list](#), in accordance with Article 2 of EUR 2010/605.

Imports of these ABPs from Germany are now restricted as the suspension of Germany's approvals in the fresh meat of ungulates list and milk and milk products lists (with Germany now only approved for products covered under Column C in the latter) means they cannot comply with country-of-origin requirements.

This affects some of the products imported with the following certificates:

- Blood products for feed material ([GBHC500](#))
- Untreated blood products, excluding from equidae, for the manufacture of derived products for uses outside the feed chain for farmed animals ([GBHC502](#))
- Colostrum, colostrum products ([GBHC587](#))
- Fresh or chilled hides and skins ([GBHC540](#))
- Raw petfood ([GBHC562](#))
- Flavouring innards for the manufacture of petfood ([GBHC564](#))
- Animal by-products for the manufacture of petfood other than raw petfood ([GBHC565](#))
- Animal by-products for the manufacture of products for uses outside the feed chain for farmed animals ([GBHC580](#))