



## **ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS (ABP) POLICY TEAM**

**OVS NOTE 2024/41**

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### **IMPORT OF FORMER FOODSTUFFS DIRECTLY TO PET FOOD MANUFACTURERS**

#### **Purpose**

1. To clarify rules on importing former foodstuffs directly to pet food plants.

#### **Background**

2. Products of animal origin (POAO), or foodstuffs containing POAO, which are no longer intended for human consumption for commercial reasons, or due to problems of manufacturing or packaging defects, or other defects from which no risk to public or animal health arise, are Category 3 ABP ('former foodstuffs').
3. The change, from POAO (for human consumption) to ABP, occurs when the decision is taken that they are no longer intended to be used for human consumption.
4. 'Former foodstuffs' imported directly to an ABP establishment/pet food plant must be imported as ABP/derived products, with labelling and import documentation in accordance with the ABP regulations. BTOM risk categories for ABP/derived products will apply.
5. We are aware that some pet food manufacturers are importing 'former foodstuffs' directly to pet food plants and these consignments are not compliant with ABP regulations.
6. These consignments cannot be imported as POAO as they are clearly not intended for human consumption. Risk categories, import conditions (including labelling requirements) and documentation for POAO (for human consumption) cannot be applied to these products.

#### **Actions for OVSs**

7. To note the content of this OVS note.

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