

Defra list of SPS Prohibitions and Restrictions

**1. EU List of Prohibited or Restricted Commodities**

The European Union acquis includes an important number of legal provisions that engage customs to carry out checks in the context of the enforcement of many different policies aiming at the safety and security of the European Union. In accordance with Articles 134 and 267 Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 (Union Customs Code) prohibitions or restrictions (P and Rs) may be imposed on imports, exports or goods in transit when they are justified on grounds of:

- public morality, public policy or public security,
- the protection of health and life of humans, animals or plants,
- the protection of the environment,
- the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value and
- the protection of industrial and commercial property.

The full list is available here: [https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/sites/taxation/files/prohibition\\_restriction\\_list\\_customs\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/sites/taxation/files/prohibition_restriction_list_customs_en.pdf)

**2. Prohibitions and Restrictions Impacting Defra Import and Exports**

There are issues, distinct from the EU list of prohibitions and restrictions at customs, that by default prevent or restrict products for trade due to EU law and / or limitations of the EU's export health certificates. These prohibitions and restrictions will prevent or restrict on imports and exports.

Commodity	Description	Impact of issue
Products of Animal Origin (POAO)		
Chilled minced meat (red meat)	EU prohibition on chilled minced meat of bovine, ovine, caprine, and porcine animals. The frozen requirement for this product exists on the health certificate.	No exports possible of chilled minced meat.

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	<p>Minced meat as defined in Annex I, 1.13 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 means boned meat that has been minced into fragments and contains less than 1% salt.</p>	
<p>Chilled meat preparations</p>	<p>EU prohibition applies to meat preparations of bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine animals and poultry. Only frozen (-18°C) commodities may be exported. The frozen requirement for this product exists on the health certificate and in legislation.</p> <p>Meat preparations as defined in Annex I, 1.15 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 means fresh meat, including meat that has been reduced to fragments, which has had foodstuffs, seasonings or additives added to it or which has undergone processes sufficient to modify the internal muscle fibre structure of the meat and thus to eliminate the characteristics of fresh meat.</p>	<p>No exports possible of chilled meat preparations.</p>
<p>Minced meat (poultry)</p>	<p>EU prohibition on chilled and frozen poultry mince. There is no health certificate.</p> <p>Minced meat as defined in Annex I, 1.13 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 means boned meat that has been minced into fragments and contains less than 1% salt.</p>	<p>No exports possible of minced poultry meat.</p>
<p>Re-export of fresh Meat from EU</p>	<p>Meat imported from the EU cannot be re-exported back to the EU as meat because the EU model certificates have not been drafted with this option.</p>	<p>Re-export of fresh meat from the EU not possible.</p>

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	<p>EU certification allows the export of fresh meat direct from the UK, but the origin has to be an approved establishment in the UK.</p> <p>Existing model certificates only refers to meat originating in territories listed third country/ies.</p> <p>Certification requires adding the code for the territory/ies where the meat has been obtained. Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 of 12 March 2010 laying down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements. Such Regulation does not list the EU Member States, therefore if originated in the EU the official vets would not be able to include the Code of the Member State of origin. Therefore, whether we have an attestation from the EU or not would be irrelevant as official vets would not have an option to certify such meat in the existing EHCs.</p>	
Poultry mechanically separated meat & ratite/ game bird MSM	<p>EU prohibition on chilled and frozen mechanically separated poultry meat. There is no health certificate.</p> <p>Mechanically separated meat means the product is obtained by removing meat from flesh bearing bones after boning or from poultry carcasses, using mechanical means. This results in the loss or modification of the muscle fiber structure.</p>	No exports possible of mechanically separated poultry meat.
UK Milk - Raw milk from TB herds	Raw milk from TB infected herds cannot enter EU.	No exports of raw milk from TB infected herds.

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<p>Milk and Milk products not from UK</p>	<p>EU prohibition on the re-export of raw milk imported from the EU or RoW back to the EU.</p> <p>Milk and milk products (cheese, butter, whey, etc.) must comply with EU EHC.</p>	<p>Re-export of raw milk not possible. Exports of milk and milk products possible with restrictions.</p>
<p>Products using POAO from 3rd Countries which are not EU listed third countries</p>	<p>Fresh Meat that is imported from an EU listed third country and an approved establishment can be re-exported to the EU as fresh meat, provided that listed third country is not subject to specific conditions.</p> <p>Fresh meat and POAO from third countries contained in other goods in the UK and re-exported to the EU: Exporters should check with Official Vets that their specific certificates can be issued.</p> <p>POAO from countries not listed by EU cannot be exported to EU.</p>	<p>Exports possible with restrictions.</p>
<p>Ungraded Eggs</p>	<p>Ungraded eggs are eggs that have not gone into a packing plant, either because they go straight to the food industry, or have yet to go to the packing plant to be graded.</p> <p>Eggs delivered directly to the food industry come directly from the primary producer and are ungraded.</p> <p>Primary producers are unable to be registered establishments for the purposes of SPS certification and there is no model certificate for ungraded eggs.</p>	<p>No exports possible of ungraded eggs.</p>

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<p>All POAO (Online orders delivered direct to customers)</p>	<p>POAO goods ordered [typically online] and delivered direct to the customer via Amazon, DPD, ParcelForce, Hermes etc need Export Health Certificates (EHCs) if delivered from GB addresses to EU addresses and the orders are not fulfilled from EU depots. Many such operators are micro-businesses and may not realise that an EHC is needed but even if they do it is unlikely that the EU customer will have the ability to pre-notify an EU BCP which is a pre-requisite for exports.</p>	<p>Exports possible with restrictions.</p>
<p><b>Animal By-Products</b></p> <p>Category 1 and Category 2 ABPs</p> <p>and certain Category 3 ABPs</p>	<p>EU prohibition on the export to third countries of animal by-products and derived products destined for incineration or landfill.</p> <p>EU prohibition on the export to third countries of category 1 specified risk material (SRM).</p> <p>EU prohibition on the import and export of all category 1 and 2 animal by-products until provision is made in ABP implementing Regulation (EC) No. 142/2011 (only provisions for certain material have been made to date).</p> <p>EU prohibition on untreated and unprocessed animal by-products entering or transiting the EU (e.g. feathers, manure).</p> <p>Treated or processed APB is allowed from listed countries.</p>	<p>Trade of Category 1 and Category 2 Animal By Products would be largely prohibited.</p> <p>Trade in category 1 SRM material would be prohibited.</p> <p>Trade of some unprocessed category 3 products could also be prohibited.</p>
<p><b>Animal By-Products</b></p>	<p>The EU requires mammalian PAP to be processed through Method 1 (pressure sterilisation), in accordance with AB-P Regulations (EU) 142/2011 and (EC) 1069/2009.</p>	<p>Not exportable unless compliant with processing method.</p>

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<p>Processed animal protein (PAP) not for human consumption</p>	<p>This method is not required for manufacturing these products in the EU and for intra EU trade. UK rendering plants have been allowed to use processing Methods (4 or 7) as a member state.</p>	
<p><b>Animal By-Products</b></p> <p>Rendered fats (tallow) not for human consumption</p>	<p>EU requires tallow for non-feed use to have a marker-glycerol triheptanonate (GTH) – added so that the rendered fats can be tested to make sure they are not being illegally diverted into the feed chain, in accordance with AB-P Regulations (EU) 142/2011 and (EC) 1069/2009.</p> <p>UK exporters, when supplying its EU biodiesel customers will have to provide separate transport, storage and offloading facilities to prevent contamination with non-GTH marked products.</p>	<p>Not exportable unless compliant with processing method.</p>
<p>FISH</p>		
<p>Farmed aquatic animals not ready for human consumption</p>	<p>Live aquatic animals or their products NOT ready for human consumption can no longer be exported to the EU, if they come from an area in GB subject to disease control measures - <u>unless</u> they conform to certain conditions: in the case of <u>fish</u>: eviscerated; in the case of <u>bivalves, fish and crustacea</u>: packed in retail ready packaging; <u>bivalves and crustacea</u>: non-viable; destined for an establishment that has been authorised for processing infected animals / and or has a water treatment system in place that would inactivate pathogens; or going directly for processing without temporary storage.</p>	<p>Not exportable unless compliant with conditions for third country imports. This is not a new measure.</p> <p>The issue will only be relevant to aquaculture animals produced in areas subject to disease controls.</p> <p>GB generally has a very high aquatic animal health status, so at present, there would be a very limited impact.</p>

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	<p>The intracommunity HCs was less restrictive and allowed for trade from areas subject to disease controls (with conditions) both for live aquaculture animals destined for aquaculture and for and aquaculture animals intended for further processing or dispatch centres/ purification centres (with fewer restrictions than those shown above).</p>	
<p>Wild harvested live bivalve molluscs from Cat B waters for-depuration in EU</p>	<p>Exports of wild harvested live bivalve molluscs (LBM) from Cat B waters for depuration in the EU will be prohibited, as there is no EHC suitable for them. This will not apply to the export of LBMs from Class A waters (which can continue under POAO EHC).</p>	<p>Exports will not be possible.</p>
<p>Live bivalve molluscs and fishery products from aquaculture (Directly Landed)</p>	<p>Direct landings of fresh fishery products into the EU without the need for an EHC from registered fishing vessels are permitted under EU regulations. It is not possible to direct land Live Bivalve Molluscs or unprocessed fish from aquaculture sources, however. These need to be landed in GB and certified for export.</p>	<p>Certain vessels currently directly landing LBM and aquaculture salmon will be unable to continue current trade patterns and need to land in GB and obtain a health certificate to export.</p>
<p>PLANTS, plant products and other regulated articles</p>		
<p>List of Plant &amp; plant products and other regulated articles (inc. soil and growing medium, wood packaging material and used vehicles and machinery) subject to new controls</p>	<p>New controls on export to the EU for most regulated plant health material. Only 5 tropical fruit are uncontrolled.  Examples include plants for planting, timber, fruit, vegetables, seeds, wood packing material, soil and growing medium (if supporting plant vitality).</p>	<p>The majority of plants, plant products and other regulated articles will be subject to new EU plant health controls, including the need for phytosanitary certification and the need to meet special requirements, as well as checks on arrival.  Wood packing material will need to comply with ISPM 15.</p>

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<p>Used vehicles and machinery which cannot meet new EU requirements</p>	<p>New controls on exports of certain types of used vehicles and machinery will apply.</p>	<p>Exports still possible but with new requirements including pre-notification, phytosanitary certification and checks (Minimum of 5% of imports) at the border.</p>
<p>Plant health prohibitions</p>	<p>Requires EU to make the UK an exception to its prohibitions on specific commodities from third countries. The main example is the prohibition on the import of potatoes, both seed and ware.</p> <p>(Seed potatoes are doubly impacted, by the plant health restriction and by seeds equivalence).</p> <p>Full list of prohibitions available at <a href="https://www.gov.uk">GOV.UK</a>.</p>	<p>Prevents export of prohibited commodities to the EU.</p>
<p>Re-export of third country hops</p>	<p>EU hops legislation does not set out a process for the export of third country consignments that are routed through another third country. Our interpretation of the legal provisions is, therefore, that this re-export trade would be prohibited after the end of the transition period.</p>	<p>No exports are possible.</p>
<p>LIVE ANIMALS</p>		
<p>Honey bees - colonies and packages</p>	<p>EU rules only permit third countries to export queens and 20 attendant worker bees to the EU.</p>	<p>Exports may continue but with restrictions.</p>
<p>Bumblebees - colonies with over 200 workers</p>	<p>EU rules only permit third countries to export containers containing a maximum of 200 bumble bees, bred in a</p>	<p>Technical prohibition with lack of breeder register.</p>

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	controlled environment within a recognised establishment (however we have no known bumblebee breeders).	
Transport conditions for live animals	EU requires the means of transport to have been cleansed and disinfected prior to loading and for animals to be treated in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 at the time of loading to ensure they are fit to travel.	Exports can continue with restrictions.
Export of animals to the EU that were originally imported from RoI	EU requires the animals to have been resident in the exporting country for a period prior to slaughter (e.g. 3 months in the case of live animals).	Exports can continue with restrictions.
Non-Harmonised animals including reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and their genetic material – pupae e.g. Butterfly Pupae, leaf cutter ants	These commodities will be subject to individual national rules - will need to be agreed with individual MS - must be cleared via a BCP.	Exports can continue based on agreements with individual MS.
OTHER		
Trichinella Testing	<p>Commission Regulation 206/2010 states that as a Third country the UK must be listed as applying controlled housing conditions (CHC) to avoid full testing for trichinella from 1st January. Products can only be exported frozen unless 100% testing is completed.</p> <p>The main controlled housing requirements are contained in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375.</p>	Exports of pork products will not be possible without full testing unless exported frozen.

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<p><b>Animal By-Products</b></p> <p>Apiculture products for use in apiculture (Honey, wax, and propolis for use in beekeeping)</p>	<p>The EHC under AB-P Implementing Regulation (EU) 142/2011 requires UK notification process for a particular disease (acariosis).</p> <p>Regulation includes processing requirements for apiculture products.</p>	<p>Exports can continue with restrictions.</p>
<p>Mushrooms and berries (under Chernobyl Checks)</p>	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1158 of 5 August 2020 on the conditions governing imports of food and feed originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station.</p> <p>Food must not exceed the maximum permitted radioactive level of 600 Bq/kg in terms of caesium-137. Pre-export laboratory testing and certification for listed products (uncultivated mushrooms and berries of the genus vaccinium) is required.</p>	<p>Exports possible but with extra restrictions including pre-export testing and export certificates.</p>
<p>Honey for human consumption</p>	<p>EU needs to approve UK management plan to grant access to market as a 3rd country for POAO and the UK's National Residue Monitoring plan.</p>	<p>Exports possible but dependent on the UK being listed by the EU as a third country for POAO, and the EU approving the National Residue Monitoring plan.</p>
<p>Non-Harmonised Goods</p>	<p>Individual member states have standards for third country imports which are waived for member states. These will apply to UK goods at the point of exit. Exporters need to liaise with their customers and EU member states.</p>	<p>Exports can continue based on agreements with individual MS.</p>
<p>Composite Products</p>	<p>The Export Health Certificate for Composite Products requires any dairy product within a chilled or frozen composite product to have undergone specific treatment equivalent to the process of pasteurisation (e.g. heat treatment to a specific temperature, sterilisation or ultra-high temperature treatment). It doesn't matter what</p>	<p>No exports possible of chilled or frozen composite products containing dairy products made from unpasteurised milk.</p>

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	quantity of the dairy product is in the overall composite product (this is different if the composite is shelf stable where the requirement only applies if the dairy product is over 50% of the whole).	
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