



**Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate**  
Animal Health and Welfare Division

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dated: 04 February 2021

**RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLES, TRADE SAMPLES AND DISPLAY ITEMS FROM OTHER EU MEMBER STATES, NORWAY, LIECHTENSTEIN, ICELAND AND SWITZERLAND**

Consignments of research and diagnostic samples, trade samples or display items as defined in the Animal By-products (ABP) legislation (see annex below) not intended for human consumption, coming into Scotland from a Member State of the European Union or Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland and Switzerland do not need an import licence or authorisation. However, the products must be produced, processed, transported, handled, labelled, stored, used and disposed of in accordance with the relevant requirements of:

- Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009<sup>1</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (as amended) [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH\\_naturel.do](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH_naturel.do) ; and
- Regulation (EU) No 142/2011<sup>2</sup> implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive (as amended) [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH\\_naturel.do](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH_naturel.do)

There are restrictions and prohibitions on the carriage of certain products and substances by post, guidance for which is available from the following sites:

Department of Transport: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/freight/dgt1/>

Post Office: <http://www.postoffice.co.uk/letters-parcels/mailing-guide/restricted-and-prohibited-goods>

Royal Mail website

- Restricted or Prohibited goods:

[www.royalmail.com/prohibitedgoods](http://www.royalmail.com/prohibitedgoods) or [www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods](http://www.royalmail.com/restrictedgoods)

1 OJ No L 300, 14.11.2009, p. 1.

2 OJ No L54, 26.2.2011, p. 1.

Please note this letter only covers the products referred to in the annex below. If you wish to import live animals or animal pathogens, you will need to contact;

Live animals or Animal Pathogens : [imports@apha.gov.uk](mailto:imports@apha.gov.uk) / 03000 200 301

You may wish to include a copy of this letter with any consignments of this material you bring in from EU countries in case you experience any problems on entry.

## **Annex**

The following definitions are in Annex 1 or regulation (EU) No 142/2011:

- **'research and diagnostic samples'** – as defined in Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 are animal by-products and derived products intended for the following purposes: examination in the context of diagnostic activities or analysis for the promotion of progress in science and technology, in the context of educational or research activities.
- **'trade samples'** – means animal by-products or derived products intended for particular studies or analyses with a view to carrying out a production process or developing feeding stuffs or other derived products, including testing of machinery, for use in an establishment or plant which is:
  - producing feeding stuffs, or products for uses other than food or feed; or
  - processing animal by-products or derived products;
- **'display item'** means animal by-products or derived products intended for exhibitions or artistic activities;

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## Animal & Plant Health Agency

### **Research and diagnostic samples, trade samples, and display items from other EU members states, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands**

Date: 19 February 2020

Consignments of research and diagnostic samples, trade samples or display items as defined in the Animal By-product (ABP) legislation (see Annex) and not intended for human consumption, coming into England from another Member State of the European Union or Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands do not need individual authorisations. However, the products must be produced, processed, transported, handled, labelled, stored, used and disposed of in accordance with the relevant requirements of:

- Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 (OJ No L 300, 14.11.2009, p. 1) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No1774/2002 (as amended) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH consolidated.do>; and
- Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 (OJ No L 54, 26.2.2011, p. 1) implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and Dir 97/78 by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2122 \(Article 4\)](#) as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive (as amended) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH consolidated.do>

Any operator, establishment or plant that generates, transports, handles, processes, stores, places on the market, distributes, uses or disposes of animal by-products including research and diagnostic samples, trade samples or display items must be registered or approved by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) under the Animal By-Products Enforcement Regulations (ABPE) before commencing operations. This requirement is provided for in Articles 23 or 24 as appropriate of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009. Further information including the registration form is available on GOV.UK.

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Royal Mail websites:

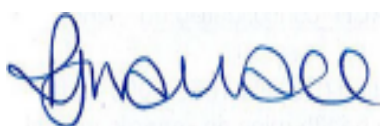
- Restricted goods:  
<http://www.royalmail.com/despatch-inward-mail-services/hints-and-tips/restricted-goods>
- Prohibited goods:  
<http://www.royalmail.com/business/help-and-support/tell-me-about-prohibited-goods>

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Yours faithfully



Rachel Wallace  
Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, Imports Manager

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- 'trade samples' means animal by-products or derived products intended for particular studies or analyses with a view to carrying out a production process or developing feeding stuffs or other derived products, including testing of machinery, for use in an establishment or plant which is:
  - producing feeding stuffs, or products for uses other than food and feed; or
  - processing animal by-products or derived products;
- importers are reminded that consignments of research and diagnostic samples or trade samples cannot be for commercial resale.
- 'display item' means animal by-products or derived products intended for exhibitions or artistic activities.



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