Authorisation No: IMP/GEN/2010/08

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972

THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006 (AS AMENDED)

GENERAL IMPORT AUTHORISATION

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this authorisation issued under the terms of Regulation 4 of the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (England) Regulations 2006 (as amended) authorises subject to and in accordance with the conditions set out below, the landing in England of:

Heat treated organs, glands, blood or other tissues, or products derived from these tissues that are: • from domestic, zoo and laboratory mammals, excluding ungulates and primates; • born and bred in captivity; and • not known or suspected to be infected with specified animal pathogens that are intended for educational, research and museum purposes only.	Product

from

All non EU Countries	Countries of origin

at

All ports and airports in England	Ports of entry

until further notice or unless revoked by the Secretary of State.

Authorisation No POAO/GEN/2008/01 is revoked as at 24 March 2010.

Dated: 24 February 2010

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS 24 FEB 2010

Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Conditions attached to this authorisation

1. This authorisation is valid for multiple consignments and the net weight of the material per consignment must not exceed 15 kg.

2. Each consignment must be accompanied by:

   - a copy of this authorisation
   - commercial/shipping documents providing the name and address of consignor and consignee, type of product and quantities;

3. Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration (see note i) signed by a veterinarian or director of the laboratory/establishment confirming that

   - the products are derived from animals born and kept in isolation from other animals which have not been born and kept in isolation.
   - the products are not derived from animals known or suspected to be infected with a specified animal pathogen (e.g. rabies) listed by the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008.
   - the animals have not been kept with animals known or suspected to be infected with specified animal or human pathogens nor have they been used in experiments involving live pathogens listed in the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008 (see note 5).
   - That the material has been heat treated to at least 56°C for at least 30 minutes.

4. This authorisation **must not** be used for animals which were not born and kept in captivity.

5. This authorisation **must not** be used for specimens from animals which are or were known or suspected to be infected with a specified animal pathogen (see note 5).

6. The packaging must be clearly labelled to indicate the general authorisation number under which the product is imported. The label should also state that material is for importation into the UK for research purposes.

7. The products must remain in their original wrapping at all times until their arrival at destination premises.

8. All packages must be taken directly from the point of entry into the UK to the destination premises.

9. The consignment, or its packaging, must not be allowed to come into contact with any ruminating animals, swine, poultry or horses.

10. None of the material to which this authorisation relates shall be used for human consumption under any circumstances.

11. On completion of the testing any residues of the material and the remainder of the packaging shall be: incinerated at a premises that has been approved for the disposal of animal by-products (see note 4), autoclaved or re-exported (see note 7).

12. If there is an outbreak of a notifiable/reportable disease in the exporting country/countries, the conditions of this authorisation may change. In this event, you should contact Animal Health at the address below. For information on animal diseases please see: http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/diseases/atoz/notifiable.htm

13. If the product is to be supplied to another establishment, the importer must make the recipient aware of the requirement to destroy or re-export the residues of the product (see notes 4 and 7).

14. Products imported under this authorisation are for research, education or museum use only. A complete record/audit trail must be kept by all parties that handle the material. Products must not under any circumstances be supplied to a third party as a commercial transaction.

15 If at any time you are unable to meet the conditions on the authorisation; or any unlicensed animal pathogen is discovered in the imported material, work must be suspended immediately and the facts reported at once to the local Animal Health Office. http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/search/.

16. The importer is responsible for ensuring that the person(s) sending the material to the UK are aware of the conditions of this authorisation.

17. You must inform the local Animal Health Office if you intend to use this authorisation (see note 8).

18. Any products and records relating to the product imported under this authorisation shall be made available if so required for inspection by an Officer of Animal Health at any place nominated by him/her for such inspection. The importer or his agent shall afford all assistance necessary to such an officer to enable him/her to carry out the inspection in such a manner as he/she shall determine and the importer shall be responsible for meeting any costs of carrying out such an inspection.

NOTES

I. Please see the guidance and the declaration template.
II. It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that the exporter provides the necessary declaration referred to above.
III. Products derived from ungulates and primates are NOT permitted under this authorisation

GENERAL NOTES

1. Nothing in this authorisation gives exemption from any prohibition or restriction imposed by any other legislation including the Official Feed and Food Control (England) Regulations 2006 , the provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990 and Regulations made under it, the Animal By-Products (Identification) Regulations 1995, the Marketing Authorisations for Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 1994 the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health, International Air Transport Association, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species or by any regulation superseding or amending the same.

2. This authorisation is granted under animal health import legislation and gives no exemption from any prohibition, regulation or restriction imposed by any other Government Department or Agency.

3. Please note that while this authorisation is current at the time of its issue, conditions can be subject to frequent change and importers are advised to check the latest position with the Animal Health Import Team (see below).

4. A list of approved incineration premises is available on our website: http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/byproducts/documents/type_approvals.pdf

5. Further information on the importation of Specified Animal Pathogens is available from the Defra website at: http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/diseases/pathogens/index.htm A copy of the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008 can be obtained from the following website: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20080944_en_1

6 This authorisation only deals with animal products. If you wish to import live animals of the species listed above, you should contact Animal Health at address below.

7. If the material is to be re-exported, you should ensure that the importing country will permit entry and that you have the correct paperwork to accompany the consignment.

8. Notification procedures are under review and may be subject to change. Please see guidance note for current process.

CAUTION

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any import covered by this authorisation complies with the terms and conditions as set out.

Any breach of any conditions attached to this authorisation will constitute an offence against the Animal Health Act 1981.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Animal Health Divisional Office
Animal Health Import Team
Beeches Road
Chelmsford
Essex CM1 2RU

Tel: 01245 454860
Fax: 01245 351162
e-mail APIChelmsford@animalhealth.gsi.gov.uk