

POLICY NOTE

The Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021

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The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 10A(1) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Purpose of the instrument.

To allow import of meat preparations which have not been deep frozen from EEA states to continue from 1 April 2021 until 1 October 2021, in line with UK Government and Welsh Government.

Policy Objectives

These Regulations amend Commission Decision 2000/572/EC laying down the animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for imports of meat preparations from third countries.

Commission Decision 2000/572 contains an import condition requiring imports of meat preparations from a third country to have been deep frozen at the plant of origin. The Animals, Food and Feed (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, made an amendment to Commission Decision 2000/572 meaning that condition did not apply to EEA states (and the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Switzerland) until 1 April 2021.

Having regard to the animal health situation in those countries and territories, it is still not considered necessary to impose that import condition. These Regulations amend Commission Decision 2000/572 to provide that the import condition that meat preparations have been deep frozen at the production plant or plants of origin does not apply, until 1 October 2021, where the production plant or plants of origin are in one of those territories.

Consultation

Scottish Government officials have been in discussions with the UK Government and Welsh Government on the long term position regarding all Prohibited & Restricted goods for imports, as well as those which apply to export. The policy decision was taken to extend the date of this derogation.

Impact Assessments

Full impact assessments have not been prepared for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen. There is expected to be no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

Financial Effects

The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment confirms that no BRIA is necessary, as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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