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Dear Food Business Owner

Background

You have recently been approved under Regulation (EC) 853/2004 to place certain Products of Animal Origin (POAO) on the market. When the UK ceases to be a member state of the EU, UK-approved establishments will lose the right to freely export POAO into the EU. Under such circumstances the UK will have to apply as a third country and be approved by the EU to export POAO into the union. If the application is successful POAO will need to enter the EU via a Border Inspection Point and must be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate.

What you need to do now

If you intend to export Products of Animal Origin (POAO) to the EU, you need to contact the Food Standards Agency (FSA). This letter explains why.

If you are a UK-approved establishment that intends to export POAO into the EU, you must confirm that you would like to be included on the list for approval by the EU to export POAO into the EU. This will enable the FSA to provisionally add you to the UK list for approval by the EU.

Please send your response to the following FSA email address, together with your approval number, address and contact details, (email address, telephone number and name).

Please could you respond as soon as possible, stating whether you wish to be included in the application or confirmation that you do not want to be added.

In sending this information to the FSA, you consent to the FSA providing this information to Defra for them to share with the EU as part of the application process.

Please note that as we prepare the application and it becomes subject to EU review, we may need to contact you for additional information to support this process.

What happens if you don't respond?

If you are a UK-approved establishment that would like to export POAO to the EU and you fail to provide the above information, you will not be added to the establishment list

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accompanying the Defra application seeking approval to export POAO to the EU. This means that you will not be able to start exporting POAO to the EU unless your establishment is on the Defra list.

The process for obtaining UK approved establishment status is not changing and approval applications will continue to be handled by the FSA (in England, Wales and NI), Food Standards Scotland, and local authorities. The only difference is that, should you wish to export POAO into the EU, you will need to contact Defra to ask for your establishment to be included in future revisions of the list submitted to the EU for approval.

Yours sincerely

Email: eulistings@food.gov.uk

Key facts to support this letter

- When the UK ceases to be a member state of the EU, UK-approved establishments will lose the right to freely export POAO into the EU. Under such circumstances the UK will have to apply as a third country and be approved by the EU to export POAO into the union. If the application is successful POAO will need to enter the EU via a Border Inspection Point and must be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate.
- Under Regulation (EC) 854/ 2004 Article 11 and 12, POAO can only be imported from a country outside the EU once that country and the list of establishments wishing to export POAO have been approved by the EU.
- In the case of fresh meat, minced meat, meat preparations, meat products and mechanically separated meat (MSM), such products can only be imported into the EU if they have been manufactured from meat obtained from a slaughterhouse and cutting plant appearing on the list of establishments approved by the EU.

Should you need to discuss this matter please contact eulistings@food.gov.uk

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