POLICY NOTE

THE MEAT PREPARATIONS (IMPORT CONDITIONS) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2022

SSI 2022/193

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 and all other powers enabling the Scottish Ministers to do so.

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 July 2022 until 31 December 2022, in line with the UK Government and the 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 is retained direct minor EU legislation and contains import conditions, made under Article 8(4) of Council Directive 2002/99/EC, 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 The Animals, Food and Feed (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, originally made an amendment to Commission Decision 2000/572 meaning that fresh meat preparations would continue to be able to be imported from territories subject to transitional import arrangements until 1 April 2021. Countries subject to special transitional provisions include Members of the European Economic Area (EEA), the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Switzerland. Without this amendment all meat preparations from these specified territories would need to be frozen at the plant of origin prior to import.

Having regard to the animal health situation in those countries and territories, it was not considered necessary to impose that import condition and as such The Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021**1** amended 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 were not to apply, until 30 September 2021, where the production plant or plants of origin are in one of those territories.

The derogation was further extended by The Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021**2** and again by the Animal Products

1 S.S.I 2021/161
2 S.S.I 2021/288

(Transitional Import Conditions) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021**3** which extended the deadline until 30 June 2022.

Having continued regard to the animal health situation in those countries and territories, these Regulations further extend the derogation, in order to permit the import of fresh meat preparations from those countries and territories to continue in Scotland from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022. Similar provision is being made by the UK and Welsh Government with respect to imports of fresh meat preparations into England and Wales.

Consultation

Scottish Government officials have been in discussions with the UK Government and Welsh Government on the wider long-term position regarding all Prohibited & Restricted goods for imports, as well as those which apply to export, and a short consultation was held on extending this derogation in line with the extension of the transitional staging period.

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 Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands 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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3 S.S.I. 2021/432