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## **United Kingdom**

### **Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report**

### **FAIRS Export Certificate Report**

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**Report Highlights:**

The United Kingdom, as a Member State of the European Union, has implemented EU regulations for the import of products of animal and plant origin. The U.S. export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU have been harmonized. The few products not yet harmonized are subject to UK national regulations.

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Since export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU market have been harmonized across all Member States. Please refer to the EU-28 Food and Agricultural Import Regulations (FAIRS) Export Certificate Report available in the [FAS GAIN Report Database](#) or on the [U.S. Mission to the EU website](#).

When there is any uncertainty as to whether U.S. products must meet certification criteria for animal- or plant- derived material, or whether the UK may interpret import requirements differently, please contact the following:

**Animal product** import regulations including: eggs, dairy, red meat, poultry, gelatin, honey and pet food. See: [Trade in animals and animal products](#)

Department for Food & Rural Affairs ( Defra)  
Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) - Carlisle  
Telephone: 011 44 3000 200 301  
Email: [Imports@apha.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Imports@apha.gsi.gov.uk)

**Horticultural product** import regulations including: plants, cut flowers, planting seeds and fruit. See: [Plant health controls on imports](#) and [Import guidance](#)

Defra/APHA – York  
Telephone: 011 44 1904 405 138  
Email: [planthealth.info@apha.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:planthealth.info@apha.gsi.gov.uk)

If certification is required. Please ensure that the shipment enters the UK market through a Designated Point of Entry of authorized Border Inspection Post. For further detail on this see the relevant section (VIII. Other Certification and Testing Requirements) of the UK Food and Agricultural Import Regulations (FAIRS) Country Report available in the [FAS GAIN Report Database](#).

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