

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

**THE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS (IMPORT AND EXPORT)
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006**

DECLARATION

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, having reasonable grounds to suspect the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza in the territory of Israel, which disease is referred to in Council Directive 82/894/EEC¹ and Schedule 6 of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006² -

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 61 of the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (England) Regulations 2006³ in relation to products and by regulation 28 of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006 in relation to birds and hatching eggs, declares as follows:

1. Insofar as not already prohibited or otherwise restricted under the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006 or the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (England) Regulations 2006, the introduction into England from Israel of-

- (a) live poultry, ratites, farmed and wild feathered game and hatching eggs of these species;
- (b) fresh meat of poultry, ratites, farmed and wild feathered game;
- (c) minced meat, meat preparations, mechanically separated meat and meat products consisting of or containing meat of those species referred to in sub-paragraph (b) ("the relevant species");
- (d) raw pet food and unprocessed feed material containing any parts of the relevant species,
- (e) eggs for human consumption from the relevant species, and unpasteurised egg products produced from those eggs;

from areas listed in Annex I attached to this Declaration is prohibited, subject to the exceptions below⁴.

2. The prohibition in paragraph 1 shall not apply to products referred to in sub-paragraphs (b) to (d) of paragraph 1 which have been obtained from birds slaughtered or hunted before 12 December 2007.

3. In the veterinary certificates/commercial documents accompanying consignments of those products, the following words as appropriate to the species shall be included:

'Fresh meat/minced meat/mechanically separated meat of poultry, ratites, farmed or wild feathered game (A) or meat preparations/meat products

¹ OJ No. L 378, 31.12.1982, p. 58.

² SI 2006 No 1471 as amended.

³ SI 2006 No 2841 as amended.

⁴ A copy of Annex 1 is attached to this Declaration.

consisting of, or containing meat of poultry, ratites, farmed or wild feathered game (A) or raw pet food and unprocessed feed material containing any parts of poultry, ratites, farmed or wild feathered game (A) obtained from birds slaughtered or hunted before 12 December 2007 and in accordance with Article 4 of Commission Decision 2008/161/EC.

4. The prohibition in paragraph 1 shall not apply to the importation of meat products consisting of or containing meat of poultry, ratites, farmed and wild feathered game under the condition that the meat of these species has undergone at least one of the specific treatments referred to under points B, C or D in Part 4 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC⁵.

5. The specific treatment applied in accordance with paragraph 4 shall be certified by the addition of the following words:

(a) to point II.1.1, column B of the animal health attestation in the animal and public health certificate, drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Annex III to Decision 2007/777/EC:

'Meat products treated in accordance with Commission Decision 2008/161/EC';

(b) to point I.28 in the column 'Treatment type' to the veterinary certificate for transit and/or storage, drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Annex IV to Decision 2007/777/EC:

'Meat products treated in accordance with Commission Decision 2008/161/EC'.

6. From 3 April 2008, imports into the Community of the commodities referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allowed from the whole territory of Israel, subject to the inclusion of the following words in the veterinary certificates accompanying consignments of those commodities:

'Consignment in accordance with Commission Decision 2008/161/EC'.

7. This declaration shall apply until 2 July 2008.

This Declaration shall come into force at 11:45 hours on 28 February 2008.

Signed at 11:45 hours on 28 February 2008 by Nick Coulson.



A person duly authorised by
the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Annex

⁵ OJ No. L 312, 30.11.2007, p. 49.

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Area of Israel within the following boundaries:

- to the west, the Mediterranean Sea,
- to the south, highway number 65,
- to the north, highway number 70 (Milek Valley),
- to the east, the route of highway number 6 which is under construction along the western ridge of Mount Carmel.

NOTE

(This note is not part of the Declaration)

Separate declarations are being issued for animals and products covered by this declaration in respect of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Introduction of animals or products in contravention of this Declaration is a criminal offence. The penalty on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (£5,000), or a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both; and the penalty on conviction on indictment, is an unlimited fine, or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

A copy of this Declaration will be sent to all Divisional Veterinary Managers in England.