
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1225

The Trade in Animals and Animal Products
(Legislative Functions) and Veterinary Surgeons
(Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

PART 2

Powers to amend lists of approved third countries for trade in animals and products

CHAPTER 11

Function of approval of third countries to be included
in approved lists for the importation of bovine semen

Power to amend the third country lists in Commission Implementing [Decision 2011/630/EU](#)

13.—(1) The Secretary of State, with the consent of the appropriate authority, may by regulations amend Commission Implementing [Decision 2011/630/EU](#) on imports into the Union of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species⁽¹⁾, to add a third country to the list in Annex 1 (“the list”), or remove or amend an entry in the list in respect of a third country, where the amendment is necessary or appropriate in the light of an assessment of the risks to animal and public health in the United Kingdom in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Any assessment which is relied upon for the purposes of paragraph (1) must be appropriate to the circumstances and must have been approved by the Secretary of State and the appropriate authority, taking into account—

- (a) the state of health of the livestock, other domestic animals and wildlife and the environmental situation in the third country, with particular reference to animal diseases that are exotic, notifiable or reportable in the United Kingdom and which might endanger the health and environmental status of the United Kingdom;
- (b) the regularity and rapidity of the provision of information by the third country concerning the existence of the contagious animal diseases in its territory listed by the OIE;
- (c) the relevant legislation on animal disease prevention and control;
- (d) the structures, skills, independence and qualifications of the competent authority’s veterinary inspection services in the third country;
- (e) the organization and implementation of measures to prevent and control contagious animal diseases;
- (f) the assurances which the third country can give with regard to compliance with the animal health requirements related to imports of bovine semen.

(3) In the case of a third country which is not listed in the list, or which is listed therein only as regards part of its territory, the assessment must demonstrate that the relevant competent authority

(1) Commission Implementing [Decision 2011/630/EC](#) is amended by [S.I. 2019/795](#) and [2019/778](#).

of the third country is able to provide appropriate assurances regarding compliance with relevant animal health requirements in the United Kingdom.