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PART 2

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

CHAPTER 12

Function of approval of third countries to be included in  
approved lists with regard to the importation of porcine semen

**Power to amend the third country lists in Commission Implementing [Decision 2012/137/EU](#)**

14.—(1) The Secretary of State, with the consent of the appropriate authority, may by regulations amend Commission Implementing [Decision 2012/137/EU](#) on imports into the Union of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species<sup>(1)</sup>, 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 risk to animal health in the United Kingdom and the matters specified in 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 situation of the United Kingdom;
- (b) the regularity and rapidity of the provision of information by the third country concerning the existence of contagious animal diseases in its territory, in particular those diseases listed by the OIE;
- (c) the third country’s rules on animal disease prevention and control;
- (d) the structures, skills, independence and qualifications of the competent authority’s veterinary service and 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 relating to the collection, processing, storage and transport of porcine semen that are approved for export.

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(1) Commission Implementing [Decision 2012/137/EC](#) is amended by [S.I. 2019/795](#).

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