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EU EXIT - FOR YOUR INFORMATION

UK National List of Food Businesses who wish to Export to the European Union (EU)

Dear Food Business Owner

As part of preparations for the end of the EU transition period on the 31 December 2020, Food Standards Scotland (FSS) is writing to approved food businesses with important information about future exports to both the EU and Northern Ireland (NI).

In 2019, the FSS wrote to approved food businesses in Scotland, setting out the need to be listed with the EU to continue exporting products of animal origin to the EU, once the UK ceased to be a Member State.

Subsequently, the UK left the EU in January 2020 and is currently in a transition period, which is due to end on the 31 December 2020.

As part of preparing for the end of the transition period without an agreed UK/EU trade deal in place, and to meet the terms of the Northern Ireland Protocol, whereby UK authorities will apply EU customs rules to goods entering NI, both FSS and the Food Standards Agency (FSA) are now writing to all UK approved food businesses to remind you that you need to be listed with the EU to export products of animal origin (POAO) to the EU and/or NI or supply others that use your products in commodities that are exported to the EU and or NI.

If you don't export POAO to either the EU and or NI, and you don't supply others that use your products in other commodities that are exported to the EU and or NI, then you don't need to be listed with the EU.

What do I need to do now?

- If you export POAO to either the EU and or NI or supply others that export your products in other commodities to the EU and or NI, FSS will automatically put you forward for listing with the EU.
- If you don't export POAO to the EU and or NI and you don't supply others that use your products in commodities that are exported to the EU and or NI, then you must contact FSS and ask for your business to be removed from the EU list.

What happens if I change my mind after I have indicated that I do not want to be on the EU list.

- You must notify FSS as soon as possible and **by the beginning of December 2020 at the latest** and your business will be added to the EU list
- If you notify the FSS after the 1 January 2021, you will have to make an application to the European Commission for your establishment to be listed under the Official Controls regulation (EU) 2017/1793.
- You can make this application via the Animal Plant Health Agency (APHA). The European Commission will then review your application, which can take up to 20 working days before making a decision.
- You will not be able to export POAO to the EU until the EU has come to a decision to accept your application.

If having read this letter you do not wish to be listed by the EU please contact Enforcement@fss.scot clearly indicating that you don't wish to be listed, your business name, address and approval number. We will send you a confirmation email confirming your removal from the EU list.

Yours Sincerely



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