Authorisation No: IMP/GEN/2010/16

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972

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

GENERAL IMPORT AUTHORISATION

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this authorisation issued under the terms of Regulation 4 of the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (England) Regulations 2006 (as amended) authorises subject to and in accordance with the conditions set out below, the landing in England of:

Honey intended for educational, research and diagnostic purposes	Product

from

All third countries	Countries of origin

at

All ports and airports in England	Ports of entry

until further notice or unless revoked by the Secretary of State.

Dated: 22 November 2010

Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Conditions attached to this authorisation

1. This authorisation is valid for multiple consignments and the net weight of the imported material per consignment must not exceed 15 kg.

2. Each consignment must be accompanied by:

   - a copy of this authorisation
   - commercial/shipping documents providing the name and address of consignor and consignee, type of product and quantities;

3. Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration (see note 1) signed by a veterinarian or director of the laboratory/establishment confirming that:

   - the products are **not** derived from bees known or suspected to be infected with a pathogen which causes a notifiable disease to which the bees are susceptible including American Foulbrood, European Foulbrood, Small Hive Beetle and Tropilaelaps mite.
   - nor do the products originate from bees in a premises or region or zone of a country that is subject to official restrictions due to a notifiable disease to which the bees are susceptible including American Foulbrood, European Foulbrood, Small Hive Beetle* and Tropilaelaps mite*.
   - the products have been subjected to a temperature of -12°C (minus 12°C) or lower for at least 24 hours.

   *Council Directive 82/894/EEC (as amended) of 21 December 1982 on the notification of animal diseases within the Community

4. The exterior packaging must be clearly labelled to indicate the general authorisation number under which the product is imported. The label should also state that material is for importation into the UK for research purposes.

5. The products must remain in their original wrapping at all times until their arrival at destination premises.

6. All packages must be taken directly from the point of entry into the UK to the destination premises.

7. The consignment, or its packaging, must not be allowed to come into contact with any ruminating animals, swine, poultry or horses, bees or bee products.

8. None of the material to which this authorisation relates should be used for human consumption.

9. On completion of the testing, any residues of the material and the remainder of the packaging must be either incinerated at a premises that has been approved for the disposal of animal by-products (see note 5), autoclaved or re-exported (see note 8).

10. If there is an outbreak of a notifiable/reportable disease of bees in the exporting country/countries, the conditions of this authorisation may change. In this event, you should contact The Food and Environment Research Agency (FERA). For information on notifiable diseases in bees, please see: http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/beeHealth/

11. If the product is to be supplied to another establishment for further research, the importer must make the recipient aware of the requirement to destroy or re-export the residues of the product (see notes 5 and 8).

12. Products imported under this authorisation are for research, education or diagnostic use only. A complete record/audit trail must be kept by all parties that handle the material. Products must NOT under any circumstances be supplied to a third party as a commercial transaction.

13. If at any time you are unable to meet the conditions on the authorisation; or any unlicensed animal pathogen is discovered in the products, work must be suspended immediately and reported to the Animal Health Office and National Bee Unit, FERA. http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/search/ and www.nationalbeeunit.com.

14. The importer is responsible for ensuring that the person(s) sending the material to the UK are aware of the conditions of this authorisation.

15. You must inform the local Animal Health Office if you intend to use this authorisation (see note 9).

16. Any products and records relating to the product imported under this authorisation shall be made available if so required for inspection by an Officer of Animal Health at any place nominated by him/her for such inspection. The importer or his agent shall afford all assistance necessary to such an officer to enable him/her to carry out the inspection in such a manner as he/she shall determine and the importer shall be responsible for meeting any costs of carrying out such an inspection.

NOTES

1. It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that the exporter provides the necessary declaration referred to above.

2. Nothing in this authorisation gives exemption from any prohibition or restriction imposed by any other legislation including: the Official Feed and Food Control (England) Regulations 2006 , the provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990 and Regulations made under it, the Animal By-Products (Identification) Regulations 1995, the Marketing Authorisations for Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 1994 the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health, International Air Transport Association, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species or by any regulation superseding or amending the same.

3. This authorisation is granted under animal health import legislation and gives no exemption from any prohibition, regulation or restriction imposed by any other Government Department or Agency.

4. Please note that while this authorisation is current at the time of its issue, conditions can be subject to frequent change and importers are advised to check the latest position with the Specialist Service Centre for Imports (see below).

5. A list of approved incineration premises is available on our website: http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/byproducts/incinerators/index.htm

6. Further information on the importation of Specified Animal Pathogens is available from the Defra website at: http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/diseases/pathogens/index.htm#list A copy of the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008 can be obtained from the following website: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20080944_en_1 and the amendment at http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/pdf/uksi_20093083_en.pdf

7. This authorisation only deals with animal products. If you wish to import live animals of the species listed above, you should contact Animal Health at address below.

8. If the material is to be re-exported, you should ensure that the importing country will permit entry and that you have the correct paperwork to accompany the consignment.

9. Notification procedures are under review and may be subject to change. Please see guidance note for current process.

CAUTION

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any import covered by this authorisation complies with the terms and conditions as set out.

Any breach of any conditions attached to this authorisation will constitute an offence against the Animal Health Act 1981.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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GENERAL IMPORT AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT NOTICE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

In respect of the following General Import Authorisation:

IMP/GEN/2010/16 - dated 22 November 2010 for Honey intended for educational, research and diagnostic purposes from All third countries.

The above mentioned Authorisation has been amended as follows:

Products are amended to read:

IMP/GEN/2010/16 - for Honey intended for research and diagnostic purposes from All third countries.

Condition 2, second bullet point is amended to read:

commercial/shipping documents providing the name and address of consignor and consignee, type of description of the product and quantities, the place of origin, place of dispatch and the category of the material as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009;

Condition 9, is amended to read:

On completion of the testing, and unless they are kept for reference purposes or re-dispatched to the third country of origin (see General note 7), any residues of the material and any products derived from the use of those samples shall be disposed of in accordance with the requirements of Annex XIV, Chapter III, Section 1 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.

General notes 2 is amended to read:

Nothing in this authorisation gives exemption from any prohibition or restriction imposed by any other legislation including: the Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2009, the provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990 and Regulations made under it, the Animal By Products (Identification) Regulations 1995, the Animal By-Products Regulations 2005, the Marketing Authorisations for Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 1994 the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health, International Air Transport Association, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species or by any regulation superseding or amending the same

Condition 6, is amended to read:

The consignment must remain in their original wrapping and must be sent directly from the point of entry into the union to the authorised user / destination premises.

Notes are amended to include:

10. Definitions

Research and diagnostic samples – as defined in Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 are animal by products and derived products intended for the following purposes: examination in the context of diagnostic activities or analysis for the promotion of progress in science and technology, in the context of educational or research activities.

11. Should you wish to import Display items or Trade Samples as defined in Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, please contact AH Chelmsford.

12. Any subsequent use of research and diagnostic samples for purposes other than those referred to in 9 above shall be prohibited.

13. Please refer to the Importer Information Notes (IINs) on the Defra website for further information.

Dated: 18 March 2011

Officer of the Department for

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs