

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### GROUP 3(e) - BASIC DOCUMENTATION

#### Inventory of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulations Notified

#### EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND ITS MEMBER STATES

#### Corrigendum

#### EEC

BTN Nos. 01.02, 02.01 and 04.04. New sheets attached.

#### ITALY

BTN Nos. 04.05 and 04.06. New sheets attached.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

(i) BTN No. 04.05. New sheet attached.

(ii) Delete the present pages 73 to 86 inclusive in MTN/3E/DOC/9/Add.5 and replace with the new sheets attached as pages 8 to 21 hereof.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Cattle for slaughter (01.02)	European Economic Community	Hungary Romania

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

Hungary: The uniform veterinary health prescriptions/directives of December 1972 already announced and coming into effect in 1976 are - in essential respects - more rigorous than the requirements prescribed by the veterinary health authorities of the member countries.

(c) Comments by country maintaining measures:

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Beef (02.01)	European Economic Community	Hungary Romania

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

Hungary: The uniform veterinary health prescriptions/directives of December 1972 already announced and coming into effect in 1976 are - in essential respects - more rigorous than the requirements prescribed by the veterinary health authorities of the member countries.

(c) Comments by country maintaining measures:

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Cheese (04.04)	European Economic Community	Hungary

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(a) Description:

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(b) Comments by other countries:

Hungary: The goods are to be accompanied by veterinary certificates in six languages.

(c) Comments by country maintaining measures:

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Natural honey (04.06)	Italy	Australia Hungary

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(a) Description:

Certificate of health and origin issued by the competent authority in the exporter country certifying that:

- A. the honey/wax was obtained from a beehive situated at the centre of a zone of a radius of three kilometres in which in the last six months no case has been reported of Nosemiasis, American pest and European pest.
- B. the wax was heated for thirty minutes at a temperature of a hundred degrees centigrade.
- C. the containers had not been in contact with infected bees or products or in any case (bees or products) coming from beehives not situated in the zone mentioned in A.

(b) Comments by other countries:

Australia: The disease situation in Italy and Australia regarding nosema is comparable and some of Italy's traditional suppliers and other EEC member States are similarly situated. Most countries would not be able to issue a meaningful certificate stating freedom from the disease.

There is scope for the development of trade in honey to Italy if this requirement did not apply.

Hungary: Too strict health prescriptions.

(c) Comments by country maintaining measures:

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Fresh eggs (04.05)	Italy	Hungary

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

Hungary: Excessively strict veterinary health requirements.

(c) Comments by country maintaining measures:

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Fresh eggs (04.05)	United Kingdom	Hungary

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

Hungary: Excessively strict veterinary health requirements.

(c) Comments by country maintaining measures:

<u>Import Restrictions</u>		
Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures	Countries indicating an interest:
Live poultry (01.05)	United Kingdom	Canada

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(a) Description

HS: Breeding stock

(b) Comments by other countries:

Canada: Canada respects the efforts in the United Kingdom and in other countries to protect their flocks against Newcastle Disease, but wishes to make it clear that large sections of Canada are completely free of the disease, and that regional certification of this fact can be supplied. (Applies also to Australia, Finland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway and South Africa - BTN 01.05).

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Day old chicks and hatching eggs, (but not adult birds) are admitted subject to licence, veterinary certification and quarantine from Canada upon application by a British importer.

(This applies also to imports from Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Norway and South Africa. It is unlikely that the disease situation in Malaysia would permit such imports.)



<u>Import Restrictions</u>		
Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Meat and edible offals of the animals falling within headings 01.01- 01.04, fresh, chilled or frozen (02.01)	United Kingdom	Pakistan United States

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(a) Description:

HS: Pigmeat, excluding offals.

(b) Comments by other countries:

United States: In view of the border trade with Canada it would be helpful to know whether the same regulations apply to Canada.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Swine fever (hog cholera) has been eliminated at very considerable expense. The most recent case was in June 1966. It is considered unwise to take the risk of exposure to the disease by importing meat from countries where the disease still exists or where a live vaccine is used.

Uncooked meat must meet animal health requirements, which require that the import of meat and meat products meet the standards of the Importation of Carcasses and Animal Products Order and the Diseases of Animals Act. A country wishing to send fresh or refrigerated meat to the United Kingdom must give full details of the animal disease statistics for recent years, the methods of controlling diseases and the arrangements for post- and anti-mortem inspection at slaughter-houses. The United Kingdom veterinary officers will then take up in detail with the country concerned the question whether effective safeguards can be worked out. (Applies also to 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.05, and 02.06. See also 16.01).

Because of the success in the United States in eliminating swine fever and maintaining that freedom, imports of pig meat and offals have been permitted subject to veterinary certification since 1 April 1975.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Dead poultry and edible offals thereof, (except liver), fresh, chilled or frozen (02.02)	United Kingdom	Canada Pakistan

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(a) Description:

Health and sanitary measure.

All imports of poultry carcasses and offals are subject to licence from 1 October 1971.

Imports are subject to Official Certificates and Health Certificates from 1 September 1973.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

The Imported Food Regulations, 1968, as amended by the Imported Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1973, require that no person shall import into England and Wales for sale for human consumption any poultry meat (defined as the flesh or other edible part of domestic fowls, turkeys, guinea fowls, ducks and geese which in each case is fresh, chilled or frozen) unless it is accompanied by an official certificate and by a health certificate. Similar provisions apply in Scotland and Northern Ireland. An Official certificate means a certificate, label, mark, seal, stamp or other voucher which is recognized by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as showing that the poultry meat to which it relates was derived from poultry inspected before and after death, it meets criteria satisfactory to the Minister and is prepared and packed in a manner which will prevent danger to health. The Health Certificate is a certificate required by EEC Directive (71/118) providing details of individual consignments and a health attestation signed by an official veterinarian.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Poultry liver, fresh chilled, frozen, salted or in brine (02.03)	United Kingdom	Pakistan

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(a) Description:

Health and sanitary measure.

Imports are subject to licence from 1 October 1971.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining measures:

The Imported Food Regulations, 1968, as amended by the Imported Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1973, require that no person shall import into England and Wales for sale for human consumption any poultry meat (defined as the flesh or other edible part of domestic fowls, turkeys, guinea fowls, ducks and geese which in each case is fresh, chilled or frozen) unless it is accompanied by an official certificate and by a health certificate. Similar provisions apply in Scotland and Northern Ireland. An Official certificate means a certificate, label, mark, seal, stamp or other voucher which is recognized by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as showing that the poultry meat to which it relates was derived from poultry inspected before and after death, it meets criteria satisfactory to the Minister and is prepared and packed in a manner which will prevent danger to health. The Health Certificate is a certificate required by EEC Directive (71/118) providing details of individual consignments and a health attestation signed by an official veterinarian.

Note: This restriction does not apply to salted poultry liver, or poultry liver in brine.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Other meat and edible meat offals, fresh, chilled or frozen (02.04)	United Kingdom	Pakistan

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 02.01.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country of group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Unrendered pig fat free of lean meat and unrendered poultry fat, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked (02.05)	United Kingdom	Pakistan

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Unrendered poultry fat which is fresh, chilled or frozen would also be subject to the conditions specified in the Imported Food Regulations - see (c) on item 02.02. However the other categories - salted, in brine, dried or smoked - would not be subject to these conditions.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Meat and edible meat offals (except poultry liver), salted, in brine, dried or smoked (02.06)	United Kingdom	Pakistan

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 02.01.

<u>Import Restrictions</u>		
Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Vegetables, fresh or chilled (07.01)	United Kingdom	Pakistan

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(a) Description:

HS: Potatoes.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Imports of potatoes from Pakistan are prohibited because information thus far available to United Kingdom authorities does not show the desired disease-free status necessary for inclusion in the positive list of countries from which the product can be imported without endangering local crops. The United Kingdom authorities would welcome additional information on the disease status of Pakistan from that country's phytosanitary authorities.

	<u>Import Restrictions</u>	
Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Seed, fruit and spores, of a kind used for sowing (12.03)	United Kingdom	United States

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

From 1 July 1973 quality controls over imports into the United Kingdom of grass and clover seeds ceased to operate.



Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Sausages and the like, of meat, meat offal or animal blood (16.01)	United Kingdom	Pakistan

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Cooked meat must meet public health requirements, which are under the Imported Food Regulations, 1968. These prohibit the importation of meat or meat products unless they are accompanied by an official certificate, recognized by the United Kingdom Government, that the animal from which the meat was derived was inspected before and after slaughter and found free of disease, and that the meat and meat products were prepared and packed under hygienic conditions complying with the United Kingdom requirements. A country wishing to send meat to the United Kingdom must engage in full discussions with the United Kingdom technical experts to determine whether the requirements can be met. (Applies also to 16.02 and 16.03. See also 02.01.)

Note: The requirements of the Imported Food Regulations do not apply to cooked poultry meat or poultry meat products.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal (16.02)	United Kingdom	Pakistan

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 16.01.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Meat extracts and meat juices (16.03)	United Kingdom	Pakistan

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(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 16.01.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Vegetables and fruit, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, with or without sugar, whether or not containing salt, spices or mustard (20.01)	United Kingdom	Canada

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(a) Description:

HS

Benzoate of soda cannot be used as a preservative in canned vegetables.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

The Preservatives in Food Regulation (1974) allows preservatives in some pickles but not in canned vegetables because they are unnecessary since these are heat-processed. The food additives legislation does not allow the use of preservatives which are not needed. The United Kingdom authorities would entertain a showing of the need for adding benzoate of soda in the case of Canadian canned vegetables. (Applies also to 20.02.)

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid (20.02)	United Kingdom	Canada

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(a) Description:

HS

Benzoate of soda cannot be used as a preservative in canned vegetables.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 20.01.