



Trader Notice – BCPP 02/2021

Trader Notice on import requirements for live invertebrates for uses outside the food or feed-chain

Background:

In order to protect animal health and welfare and human health, official controls are required to be performed on live animals entering the European Union from a Third Country.

Regulation 2019/2007 lists those live animals and their respective Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes which require official controls at the Border Control Post of entry into the Union. Live insects are listed in Chapter 1, Annex I of this Regulation under the CN code 01064900.

Most animals are covered by European welfare legislation but others [e.g. invertebrates] are animals not covered by a harmonised veterinary certificate or movement document. In these cases, Member States' national rules relating to the import of such non-harmonised animals are applied.

Import Procedures for live invertebrates for uses outside the food or feed chain

An importer of live insects must be registered with DAFM and on TRACES-NT – Information on how to register is available at the following link: [Register to import](#)

The import into Ireland of live invertebrates for use outside the food and feed chain is permitted for the following categories;

1. fishing bait,
2. biological controls
3. feed for pet amphibians

Full import requirements and the list of live invertebrates which can be imported into Ireland are available at [gov.ie - Live Insects \(www.gov.ie\)](#). Imports of these live invertebrates must be accompanied by a commercial document drawn up in accordance with the model supplied on the website [here](#) .

If you wish to import a live invertebrate under the categories above which is not listed below, please contact animalproductimports@agriculture.gov.ie with specific species details.

More Information:

More information is available on the website at: [gov.ie - Live Insects \(www.gov.ie\)](#)