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TN 06/2021: Trader Notice on update to Import Requirements for Hay and Straw

Background:

Hay from grass, clover, vetches and lucerne (alfalfa) covered under CN code 1214 90 90 and straw covered under CN code 1213 00 00 are listed in Regulation (EU) 2021/632 and must be presented for official controls at the Border Control Post (BCP) at the first point of entry on to the territory of the EU with all the appropriate documentation.

Hay and straw are non-harmonised products which means there is no EU set of rules governing their import requirements. As such, national rules apply. As animal pathogens could potentially be transmitted via hay and straw, it is important to protect Ireland's high health status by only permitting the import of these commodities from certain countries. The list of approved third countries from which hay and straw can be imported is as follows;

Australia

Belarus ¹

Canada

Switzerland

Chile

Greenland

Iceland

New Zealand

Serbia ²

Ukraine ¹

United States of America

United Kingdom (GB)

South Africa (excluding that part of the foot-and-mouth disease control area situated in the veterinary region Northern and Eastern Transvaal, in the district of Ingwavuma of the veterinary region of Natal and in the border area with Botswana east of longitude 28°)

¹ Only pelleted straw intended for combustion, which is directly delivered under customs transit procedure as provided for in Article 4(16)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 and through monitoring in TRACES from the approved border inspection post (BIP) of entry into the Union to the destination plant in the Union, where it is going to be burnt.

² As referred to in Article 135 of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part



Documentation

Up until now, a declaration was required whereby a Declaration, signed by a Commissioner of Oaths, or by a member of the Competent Authority of the third country of export, was required to accompany all consignments of hay and/or straw. This requirement has now been changed. A commercial document, as per the template in the Annex (editable document available on website - gov.ie - [Import of Animals and Animal Products: Hay and Straw \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov.ie)), should be completed by the exporter and should accompany the load to the BCP (either as a hard copy or an electronic copy of the signed original).

Ideally, this document should be submitted in advance, via the DAFM Imports Portal, to enable documentary controls to be performed in advance of the consignment's arrival at the BCP.

In addition to this document, the routine requirements for import of consignments requiring official controls remain as they are currently;

- i) CHED-P submitted on TRACES-NT (IMSOC)
- ii) Pre-notification of the BCP 24 hours prior to arrival of the product through submission of documents to the DAFM Imports Portal
- iii) Presentation of the consignment to DAFM official inspectors at the BCP of entry to the EU for documentary, identity, +/- physical controls

More information, including an editable version of the Commercial Document is available at gov.ie - [Import of Animals and Animal Products: Hay and Straw \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov.ie)



Annex: Template of Commercial Document to accompany a consignment of hay or straw

		Commercial Document for the Import of hay and/or straw from Third Countries									
Part 1 – details of the consignment	CHED-P number		Local reference number (e.g. invoice n.)								
	I. Consignor [name and address]		II. Consignee [name and address]								
	III. Place of origin		IV. Country of origin								
	V. Means of transport ^(a) <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Airplane</td> <td>n.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ferry</td> <td>n.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Road vehicle</td> <td>Vehicle n.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		Airplane	n.	Ferry	n.	Road vehicle	Vehicle n.	Other		VI. Batch numbers (if relevant)
	Airplane	n.									
	Ferry	n.									
	Road vehicle	Vehicle n.									
Other											
VII. Total Quantity [numbers or weight]											
		Please note that number provided in Box VI above must be same as that provided on the packaging in order to facilitate ID checks									
Part 2 - Signature	Signature		Name and Surname (capital letter)								