Trade in live animals and products of animal origin

Now that the UK has left the EU, it is no longer part of the EU/Switzerland veterinary area. The Veterinary Agreement and Annex 11 of the Agreement on Agriculture are no longer applicable to the UK, which now has third-country status. This status applies to all countries other than EU member states, Iceland and Norway. Animals and products of animal origin from a third country can only be imported into Switzerland under specific conditions. Imports are subject to the EU’s import regulations for third countries. Current legislation relating to the import, transit and export of animals and products of animal origin can be found on the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) website.

Exporters should refer to the UK government’s guidance on importing animals, animal products and high-risk food and feed not of animal origin.

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