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Dear Food Business Owner

As part of preparations for leaving the EU, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) is contacting all approved plants in England, Wales and Northern Ireland with important advice on exports.

In the event that the UK leaves the EU without securing a deal, all premises that wish to continue exporting products of animal origin (POAO) to the EU must be listed with the European Commission

The Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is leading a project to ensure the UK continues to have the ability to export POAO to the EU in a no deal situation. As part of this process UK Approved establishments that export to the EU will have to apply to be listed under Regulation 854/2004 Article 12 with the European Commission.

If you are not listed, you will not be able to export POAO to the EU should the UK leave the EU without a deal.

If you produce fresh meat, minced meat, meat preparations, meat products or mechanically separated meat at an approved slaughterhouse or cutting plant, you will need to be listed if you export directly to the EU and or supply others that export your product to the EU.

What you need to do now

If you currently or intend to export POAO to the EU, you need to contact the FSA immediately to start the listing process through the following email address eulistings@food.gov.uk providing the following information: UK Approval number, contact name, establishment address, email address, telephone number, type and quantity of POAO you wish to export to the EU.

If you do not export POAO to the EU, please could you confirm this by email to [the same email address](mailto:eulistings@food.gov.uk) so that we can prevent any further correspondence being sent to you regarding this matter.

If you would like to discuss this advice please contact the FSA also at eulistings@food.gov.uk providing a contact name, telephone number and the nature of the enquiry.