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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:
The United Kingdom (UK), as a member of the European Union (EU), conforms to all EU regulations and directives. For information on EU export certification requirements, please see the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification report prepared by the FAS Office in the U.S. Mission to the EU. Note, rules on the certification of imports are complicated and in practice not always harmonized across EU Member States. Products not yet harmonized are subject to UK national regulations.

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The UK has fully implemented EU regulations for the import of products of animal and plant origin. The export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU market have been harmonized. For additional information on U.S. export certifications for the EU market, please see the FAS Office in the U.S. Mission to the EU website and their FAIRS Export Certificate report.

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