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Answer given by Ms Kyriakides
on behalf of the European Commission
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The regulatory requirements applicable to the products referred to by the Honourable Member would depend on their legal classification.

As far as food is concerned, animal products can only enter the Union from a third country, which appears on a list drawn up by the Commission, and are obtained or prepared in establishments that comply with the Union requirements and are accompanied by an official certificate.

Regulation EU 2019/2007¹ establishes the list of animals and goods entering the Union, by means of Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes. If imported consignments have CN codes, which fall within this list, they are subject to official controls at the border control posts of first arrival into the Union. The consignments are then registered and traced in an IT-system. Nevertheless, in line with Commission Regulations some consignments are not controlled at border control posts² but can be controlled at any point on the EU market by the Member States, i.e. performance of risk based official controls in accordance with established plans.

As far as medicinal products are concerned, donkey hide gelatine has no marketing authorisation in the EU/European Economic Area. It is not an active pharmaceutical ingredient used in an authorised medicinal product in the Union. It is also not used as an excipient in medicinal products. Any import to the EU for pharmaceutical use would therefore not be done within the legal supply chain.

As an international partner and a key donor, the Commission supports integrated rural development programmes and specific actions for national authorities through the Delegations of the EU to ensure the latter are informed and respect the EU rules for products exported to the Union.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/2007/oj Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2007 of 18 November 2019 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the lists of animals, products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and derived products and hay and straw subject to official controls at border control posts and amending Decision 2007/275/EC (Text with EEA relevance), *OJ L 312*, 3.12.2019, p. 1–39

² [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 142/2011](#) of 25 February 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive.

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2122](#) of 10 October 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain categories of animals and goods exempted from official controls at border control posts, specific controls on passengers' personal luggage and on small consignments of goods sent to natural persons which are not intended to be placed on the market

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2126](#) of 10 October 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for specific official controls for certain categories of animals and goods, measures to be taken following the performance of such controls and certain categories of animals and goods exempted from official controls at border control posts

Annex II of [Decision 2007/275](#) List of composite products not subject to official controls as referred to in point (b) of Article 6(1)