

Manual on the commercial importation of live animals and products of animal origin

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1. Introduction

Animals and products of animal origin, including hay and straw, being imported into the EU must undergo controls before entry into free circulation is permitted (see Section 6 for relevant legislation). In Ireland, the competent authority for carrying out these controls is the DAF&M (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine). Revenue's Customs Service assists in the implementation of these controls by referring relevant consignments to DAF&M prior to release for entry into free circulation.

For the purposes of this legislation, the term 'importation' means the movement of goods and live animals into Ireland from countries other than EU Members States, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino or Switzerland and in the case of fishery products, the Faroe Islands or Iceland.

2. Prohibition/Restriction

Consignments of live animals and products of animal origin being brought into the EU must be imported at an approved BCP (Border Control Post). The following locations are designated as BCPs and only those products/animals listed can be imported through these stations:

- **Dublin Port** - packed products of animal origin only
- **Dublin Airport** – horses, pigs and live fish only
- **Shannon Airport** - packed products of animal origin and horses.

Official controls on relevant consignments must be carried out at the BCPs by DAF&M before entry into free circulation is allowed. A list of DAF&M (BCPs) contacts can be found in the [Annex](#) to this manual.

Where there is an attempt to import live animals or products of animal origin at an entry point other than an approved BCP, Customs should detain the consignment and inform DAF&M. DAF&M will advise the importer of the correct procedure to follow. Customs will be kept informed of the outcome by DAF&M.

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5. Customs Division contact details

Any general questions on this manual should be directed to:

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6. Related documents

[Customs Act 2015](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2007](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#)

[Statutory Instrument No. 292 of 2000](#)

[Statutory Instrument No. 289 of 1994](#)

[Statutory Instrument No 548/2003](#)

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7. Annex

Location	Contact e-mail	Contact number	Hours of availability	
Dublin port	Bips.DubPort@agriculture.gov.ie	01 8556250	6.00 - 21.00	6 days
Shannon airport	Bips.ShanAirport@agriculture.gov.ie	061 500940	6.00 - 00.00	7 days
Dublin airport	Bips.DubAirport@agriculture.gov.ie	01 8144500	8.00 - 21.00	7 days