

Manual relating to imports of feed and food of non-animal origin

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1 Introduction

EU legislation provides for the routine control of feed and food of non-animal origin being imported into the EU. In addition, due to the increased risk associated with certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain third countries, consignments of these products must undergo controls before their entry into free circulation is permitted.

In Ireland, the competent authorities for carrying out these controls are:

- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)
- Health Service Executive (HSE)

Revenue's Customs Service assists in the implementation of these controls by referring consignments of interest to DAFM or HSE, as appropriate.

For the purposes of this manual, the term 'importation' means the movement of feed and food products of non-animal origin into Ireland from countries other than EU Members States.

2 Legislation

Details of the relevant legislation in respect of these controls is listed at Annex I.

3 Restrictions

Border Control Posts (BCPs)

Products covered by these Regulations may only enter Member States through specific Border Control Posts (BCPs). The BCPs in Ireland are:

- Dublin Port
- Dublin Airport
- Rosslare Europort

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The products covered by these Regulations cannot be imported via any postal centre and any such products should be detained and the matter reported immediately to the relevant competent authority.

4 Action required

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5 Onward Transportation

In exceptional circumstances, the identity and physical checks on consignments may be carried out by the competent authority at the place of destination rather than at the point of importation. In these cases, Customs must ensure that any such movement of a consignment does not interfere with customs controls and that any potential duties payable are secured.

6 Risk Information Form (RIF)

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7 Enquiries

Further enquiries can be directed to the Prohibitions & Restrictions Unit,

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Annex I

Link to FSAI website with relevant legislation

<https://www.fsai.ie/enforcement-and-legislation/legislation/food-legislation/imports/food-of-non-animal-origin>

EU LEGISLATION

Imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin from third countries

[Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1793 as amended](#)

Prohibition on infant feeding bottles containing Bisphenol A

[Regulation \(EU\) No 321/2011 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 10/2011-](#)

Genetically modified rice in rice products from China

[EU Decision 2011/884 as amended](#)

Feed and food from Japan

[Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1533](#)

Plastic kitchenware from China and Hong Kong

[Regulation 284/2011](#)

Concerning agricultural products from third countries following the accident at Chernobyl

[Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1158](#)

Sprouts and seeds intended for sprouting

[Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2292, with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption, as amended](#)

[Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2235](#) as amended

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 208/2013](#)

Annex II

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