

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1285/2008 of 15 December 2008 on the introduction into the Community of personal consignments of products of animal origin and amending Regulation (EC) No 136/2004 (Text with EEA relevance)

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ANNEX I

PART 1

List of products of animal origin as referred to in Article 2(1)(a)

CN code	Description	Qualification and explanation
ex Chapter 2 (0201-0210)	Meat and edible offal	Excludes frogs' legs (CN code 0208 90 70)
0401-0406	Dairy produce	All
0504 00 00	Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked.	All, excluding casings
1501 00	Pig fat (including lard) and poultry fat, other than that of heading 0209 or 1503.	All
1502 00	Fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats, other than those of heading 1503.	All
1503 00	Lard stearin, lard oil, oleostearin, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or otherwise prepared.	All
1506 00 00	Other animal fats and oils and their fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified.	All
1601 00	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products.	All
1602	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood.	All
1702 11 00 1702 19 00	Lactose and lactose syrup	All
ex 1901	Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included; food preparations of goods of headings 0401 to	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk

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	0404, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included.	
ex 1902	Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared.	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk
ex 1905 90	Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers and similar products.	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk
ex 2004	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than products of heading 2006	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk
ex 2005	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading 2006.	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk
ex 2103	Sauces and preparations thereof; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings; mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk
ex 2104	Soups and broths and preparations therefore; homogenised composite food preparations.	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk
ex 2105 00	Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa.	Only those preparations containing milk
ex 2106	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included.	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk

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PART 2

List of products of animal origin as referred to in Article 2(2)(a)

CN code	Description	Qualification and explanation
0511	Animal products not elsewhere specified or included; dead animals of Chapter 1 or 3, unfit for human consumption	

Notes:

1. Column 1: Where only certain products under any code are required to be examined under veterinary checks and no specific subdivision under this code exists in the goods nomenclature, the code is marked 'ex' (for example ex 1901: only those preparations containing meat and or milk should be included).
2. Column 2: The description of the goods is as laid down in the description column of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87. For further explanation of the exact coverage of the Common Customs Tariff please refer to the latest amendment to that Annex.
3. Column 3: This column gives details of the products covered.

ANNEX II

PART 1

Personal consignments of products of animal origin as referred to in Article 2(1)(b)

Powdered infant milk, infant food and special foods required for medical reasons, under the conditions that these products:

- (i) do not require refrigeration before opening,
- (ii) are packaged proprietary brand products for direct sale to the final consumer, and
- (iii) that the packaging is unbroken unless in current use.

PART 2

Personal consignments of products of animal origin as referred to in Article 2(2)(b)

Special pet feed required for medical reasons, under the conditions that these products:

- (i) do not require refrigeration before opening,
- (ii) are packaged proprietary brand products for direct sale to the final consumer, and
- (iii) that the packaging is unbroken unless in current use.

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ANNEX III

(The notices can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/food/fs/ah_pcad/ah_pcad_importposters_en.html).



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Keep infectious animal diseases out of the European Union!

Products of animal origin may
carry pathogens that cause
infectious diseases in animals



There are strict procedures and veterinary controls
on the introduction of products of animal origin
into the European Union



**Travellers (*) must surrender
these products
for official controls**

(*) Other than those arriving with small quantities for personal consumption from Andorra, Croatia, the Faeroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland.

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Diseases don't respect borders



If you bring in meat or dairy products from outside the EU, you risk importing animal diseases.

If you do not declare such items, you may be fined or face criminal prosecution.

These products will be seized and destroyed on arrival.

However, you may bring in small quantities for personal consumption from Andorra, Croatia, the Faeroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland



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ANNEX IV

Information referred to in Articles 3 and 4

Part 1 — Leaflet



Keep infectious animal diseases out of the EU!

Animal products may carry pathogens causing infectious disease

Due to the risk of introducing diseases into the European Union (EU), there are strict procedures for the introduction of certain animal products into the EU. These procedures do not apply to the movements of animal products between the 27 Member States of the EU, or for animal products coming from Andorra, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino, and Switzerland.

All animal products not conforming to these rules must be surrendered on arrival in the EU for official disposal. **Failure to declare such items may result in a fine or criminal prosecution.**

1. Small quantities of meat and dairy products

You may **not** bring in or send to the EU any meat and dairy products for personal human consumption or the feeding of pets, with the exception of the following:

- products coming from Croatia, the Faeroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, or Switzerland provided that their weight does not exceed **10 kilograms** per person,
- powdered infant milk, infant food, and special foods or special pet feed required for medical reasons provided that their combined quantity does not exceed the weight limit of **2 kilograms** per person or pet, and that:
 - the product does not require refrigeration before consumption,
 - it is a packaged proprietary brand product, and
 - the packaging is unbroken unless in current use.

2. Small quantities of fish products for personal human consumption

You may only bring in or send to the EU personal consignments of fish products (fresh, dried, cooked, cured or smoked fish) provided that:

- fresh fish are eviscerated,
- the weight of the fish products does not exceed, per person, **20 kilograms or the weight of one fish**, whichever weight is the highest.

These restrictions do not apply to fish products coming from the Faeroe Islands or Iceland.

3. Small quantities of other animal products for personal human consumption

You may only bring in or send to the EU other animal products, such as honey for example, provided that their weight does not exceed **2 kilograms** per person.

4. Larger quantities of animal products

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You may only bring in or send to the EU larger quantities of animal products if they meet the requirements for commercial consignments, which include:

- certification requirements, as laid down in the appropriate official EC veterinary certificate;
- the presentation of the goods, with the correct documentation, to an authorised EU border inspection post for veterinary control, on arrival in the EU.

5. Exempted animal products

The following products are exempted from the rules explained previously:

- Bread, cakes, biscuits, chocolate and confectionery (including sweets) not mixed or filled with meat product;
- Food supplements packaged for the final consumer;
- Meat extracts and meat concentrates;
- Olives stuffed with fish;
- Pasta and noodles not mixed or filled with meat product;
- Pizzas without meat;
- Soup stocks and flavourings packaged for the final consumer.
- Any other food product, not containing any meat and less than 50 % of any other type of processed animal product, such as dairy, egg or fishery products.

6. Animal products from protected species

For certain protected species there may be additional restrictions in place. For example for caviar of sturgeon species, the weight limit is a maximum of 125 grams per person.

Part 2 — Video

The information laid down in Part 1 can be conveyed by means of a video, such as that published by the European Commission on the following webpage:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/animalproducts/personal_imports/index_en.htm

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ANNEX V

Figures on the results of enforcement of the rules on the introduction of personal consignments of products of animal origin

1. General information				
Name of Member State				
Reporting year				
Number of European Community entry points				
2. Mechanisms used to raise awareness of animal health conditions regarding the introduction of personal consignments of products of animal origin during the reporting year				
	YES	If yes, specify frequency	NO	Comments
Posters				
Public announcements				
Internet advertising				
Additional advertising				
Other (specify)				
3. Enforcement at points of entry into the Community				
3.1. Name of enforcement authority/ies				
3.2. Mechanisms used to identify illegal meat and milk personal consignments during the reporting year				
	YES	If yes, specify frequency	NO	Comments
Randomised searches				
Targeted searches				
'sniffer' dogs				
Scanning equipment				
Other (specify)				

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3.3. If applicable, please list the third countries from which passengers have most regularly been subject to targeted searches and give details including the number of searches carried out and the quantity and type of illegal personal consignments found (the list may be expanded)			
Third Country	Number of searches carried out	Quantity and type of illegal consignments found	Comments
3.4. Approximate total number of illegal consignments of meat and milk found in personal luggage at Community entry points during the reporting year			Comments:
3.5. Approximate amount (in kg) of meat and meat products confiscated and/or destroyed from personal baggage as a result of checks implemented at Community entry points during the reporting period			Comments:
3.6. Approximate amount (in kg) of milk and milk products confiscated and/or destroyed from personal baggage as a result of checks implemented at Community entry points during the reporting period			Comments:
3.7. Please list the five third countries from which passengers were most regularly found to be carrying illegal meat and meat products and milk and milk products consignments during the reporting period			
Country 1			
Country 2			
Country 3			
Country 4			
Country 5			
Comments			
3.8. Approximate amount (in kg) of other products of animal origin (other than meat and meat products and milk and milk products) confiscated and/or destroyed from personal baggage as a result of checks implemented at Community entry points during the reporting period			Comments:

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4. Enforcement at postal depots				
4.1. Name of enforcement authority/ies				
4.2. Mechanisms used to identify illegal meat and milk in personal postal consignments during the reporting year				
	YES	If yes, specify frequency	NO	Comments
Randomised searches				
Targeted searches				
'sniffer' dogs				
Scanning equipment				
Other (specify)				
4.3. If applicable, please list the third countries from which personal postal consignments have most regularly been subject to targeted searches and give details including the number of searches carried out and the quantity and type of illegal consignments found (the list may be expanded)				
Third Country	Number of searches carried out			
4.4.	Approximate total number of illegal consignments of meat and milk found in personal postal consignments during the reporting year			Comments:
4.5.	Approximate amount (in kg) of meat and meat products confiscated and/or destroyed after being found in personal postal consignments as a result of checks implemented during the reporting period			Comments:
4.6.	Approximate amount (in kg) of milk and milk products confiscated and/or destroyed after being found in personal postal consignments as a result of checks implemented during the reporting period			Comments:

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4.7. Please list the five third countries from where personal postal consignments were most regularly found to be containing illegal meat and meat products and milk and milk products during the reporting period		
Country 1		
Country 2		
Country 3		
Country 4		
Country 5		
Comments		
4.8. Approximate amount (in kg) of other products of animal origin (other than meat and meat products and milk and milk products) confiscated and/or destroyed after being found in personal postal consignments as a result of checks implemented during the reporting period		Comments:
5. General comments		

To be submitted the European Commission not later than the first day of May in the year immediately following the end of each annual reporting period.

The reporting period shall run from 1 January to 31 December and the information must be submitted by the first day of May in the year immediately following the end of each aforementioned annual reporting period.

The collated and summarised information can be found at the European Commission's website at:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/animalproducts/personal_imports/index_en.htm.

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ANNEX VI

Figures on results of enforcement of rules on personal imports of meat and milk

BASIC INFORMATION

- (a) Member State (please specify)
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- (b) Approximate number of European Community entry points (please specify)
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- (c) Reporting period (please specify year)
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MECHANISMS USED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF ANIMAL HEALTH CONDITIONS REGARDING PERSONAL IMPORTS

Please specify mechanisms used by the competent authority to raise awareness of animal health conditions regarding personal imports. This should include both the mechanisms and the frequency with which they have been used (e.g. posters, public announcements, additional advertising etc.).

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ENFORCEMENT

- (a) Mechanisms used to identify illegal meat and milk consignments during the reporting period (delete as appropriate):

Randomised customs searches/targeted customs searches/'sniffer' dogs/scanning equipment/other

Please give details of enforcement regimes employed during the reporting period:

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- (b) Approximate total number of illegal consignments of meat and milk in personal luggage at Community entry points the reporting period: **(please specify)**

- (c) Approximate amount of meat and milk confiscated and/or destroyed from personal baggage as a result of checks implemented at Community entry points during the reporting period:

— kg of meat and meat products

— kg of milk and milk products

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(d) Please list the five third countries from which passengers were most regularly found to be carrying illegal meat and milk consignments during the reporting period:

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(e) If applicable, please list the third countries from which passengers have most regularly been subject to targeted customs searches and give details including the number of searches carried out and the quantity and type of illegal consignments found:

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To be submitted the European Commission not later than the first day of March in the year immediately following the end of each annual reporting period.

The reporting period shall run from 1 January to 31 December and the information must be submitted by the first day of March in the year immediately following the end of each aforementioned annual reporting period.

ANNEX VII

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