

Customs – Prohibitions and Restrictions Manual

Safeguard measures due to the risk of avian influenza

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1 Introduction

The European Union introduced a number of safeguard measures in response to the threat of the Avian Influenza (H5N1) virus. While the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has the primary responsibility for overseeing the implementation of these measures, Revenue's customs service has a crucial role in controlling the spread of the influenza virus. The European Commission has asked customs administrations to be especially vigilant about the movement of birds, poultry and their products, through their control areas. This applies to commercial, passenger traffic and postal importations.

2 Legislation

[Commission Decision 2007/25/EC](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision 2013/635](#)

[Customs Act 2015](#)

[European Communities \(Avian Influenza\) \(Control on movement of pet Birds\) Regulations 2007](#)

[S.I. 96 of 2007](#)

3 Prohibition/Restriction

Live animals

Live birds/poultry (other than pet birds) may not be imported directly to Ireland from outside of the EU as there is no Border Control Post (BCP) in Ireland for that category of animals.

Pet Birds (up to 5) accompanied by their owner may be imported via Dublin Airport or Shannon Airport only. The pet birds must be licensed for import by DAFM, be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate and must have documentary and identity checks conducted by DAFM on arrival.

Derogation

Pet birds, accompanied by their owners, from the following areas are regarded as coming from the EU and no veterinary control is required:

- Andorra
- The Faroe Islands
- Greenland
- Iceland
- Liechtenstein
- Monaco
- Norway
- San Marino
- Switzerland
- Vatican City State

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