

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

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1 Introduction

Due to the risk of introducing animal disease into the EU, strict controls are placed on the importation, either in personal luggage or by post, of products of animal origin for personal consumption and live animals. The relevant legislation is referenced at Section 5 of this manual.

In this manual, the term 'importation' means the movement of goods and live animals into Ireland from countries outside the EU.

2 Prohibition/Restriction

2.1 Products of animal origin

The importation of products of animal origin which form part of travellers' luggage is prohibited. Similarly, such products that are sent as small consignments to private persons or that are ordered remotely (for example by mail, by telephone or via the Internet) and delivered to the consumer, are also prohibited. However, limited derogations are applicable and details of these are set out at [Annex 1](#).

2.2 Live animals

Pets are permitted to accompany their owners, prior approval must be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) before entering the State. The importation of live animals within personal luggage or through postal hubs is prohibited.

Live animals may only be imported at Dublin Airport, Dublin Port, Rosslare Europort and Shannon Airport. The categories of live animal which may be imported at each site are available at the list of Irish BCPs which may be found at the following link: [BCP Designation Ireland](#).

3 Action Required

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5 Related Documents

[Customs Act 2015](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2122](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2130](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health \('Animal Health Law'\)](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 142/2011](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) No. 576/2013](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2021/630](#)

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

[Statutory Instrument No. 96 of 2007](#)

[Statutory Instrument No. 504 of 2012](#)

[Statutory Instrument No. 436 of 2013](#)

[Statutory Instrument No. 656 of 2020](#)

Annex 1

Derogations from this prohibition

	Faroe Islands & Greenland	Other Countries	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bread, cakes, biscuits, chocolate, and confectionery (including sweets) not mixed or filled with meat product - food supplements packaged for the final consumer - olives stuffed with fish - pasta and noodles not mixed or filled with meat product - soup stocks and flavourings packaged for the final consumer 	Derogated	Derogated	
powdered infant milk, infant food, and special foods required for medical reasons*	10kg	2kg	
pet feed required for medical reasons*	10kg	2kg	
fishery products (including fresh eviscerated fish)	Derogated	20 kg or one fish whichever weight is highest	
other animal products such as honey, live oysters, live mussels and snails for example	10kg	10kg	2kg

* The product does not require refrigeration before consumption, it is a packaged proprietary brand product, and the packaging is unbroken unless in current use.

Annex 2

Location: _____

Non-compliant product confiscated on arrival in Ireland

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Officer Name	Date	Customs detected Y/N	Country from which product/passenger arrived	EU country *Y/N	Commercial Freight Y/N	Hub Airport	Product Best approximation of type e.g. Salami = pork meat product	Wt. Kgs. (to 1 decimal)
	//___						Milk & milk products	
For postal sorting office confiscation name and address of consignee. For * EU seizure state reason.							Eggs & egg products.	
							Fish, honey, snails, frogs legs etc	
							Poultry meat & its products	
							Pork meat & its products	
							Other meat & its products	
	//___						Bush meat	
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							Bush meat	

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