

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

Relevant legislation in respect of these controls is listed at Annex I.

3. Restrictions

Designated Points of Entry (DPEs)

Products covered by these Regulations may only enter Member States through specific Designated Points of Entry (DPEs). The DPEs in Ireland are:

- **Dublin Port**
- **Dublin Airport**

Where an importer attempts to import a consignment subject to the Regulations listed in Annex 1, through a port or airport other than those listed above, the consignment should be detained and the matter should be reported immediately to the relevant competent authority. Contact details are set out at Annex II.

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

To assist in the identification of consignments requiring control by DAFM or HSE, profiles have been entered onto the AEP system. These consignments cannot be cleared for importation by Customs unless DAFM or HSE indicates that it is in order to do so.

When a profile is activated, staff should take account of the instruction associated with the profile. The following procedures will apply:

- contact the local DAFM / HSE office and refer the consignment so that the relevant control can be carried out. Contact details are set out in the Annex II of this manual
- DAFM / HSE will notify Customs by means of a Common Entry Document (CED) when all controls have been completed. This notification will issue either by fax or e-mail
- where the CED indicates that the consignment is compliant and Customs have completed their own checks, the consignment should be released by Customs for entry into free circulation
- where the consignment is non-compliant, an email or fax will be sent to Customs indicating this. The competent authority will also confirm that the consignment cannot be released for free circulation and explain what will happen to the consignment e.g. re-export/destruction. Customs should note these control results in the findings section of AEP.

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)

The RIF should be used by staff to inform Customs authorities of other Member States of any significant irregularities which have come to light in respect of the importation of products covered by these regulations. For further information staff should contact:

Email: customsriskunitgroup@revenue.ie

7. Enquiries

Enquiries can be directed to the Prohibitions & Restrictions Unit,

E-mail: rcpr@revenue.ie

Phone: 01-6744322

Annex I

EU LEGISLATION

[Regulation 669/2009 as amended](#) Imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin from third countries

[Regulation 885/2014](#) Okra and curry leaves from India

[Regulation 884/2014](#) as amended aflatoxins in certain food and feed from certain third countries

[Regulation 2015/175](#) guar gum from India

[Decision 2011/884](#) genetically modified rice in rice products from China

[Decision 2010/315](#) genetically engineered long grain rice

[Regulation 2016/6](#) feed and food from Japan

[Regulation 284/2011](#) plastic kitchenware from China and Hong Kong

[Regulation 733/2008](#) agricultural products from third countries following the accident Chernobyl

[Decision 2014/88 as amended](#) Temporary suspension on import of betel leaves from Bangladesh

[Regulation 2015/943](#) Suspension of imports of dried beans from Nigeria

Annex II

COMPETENT AUTHORITY	CONTACT DETAILS
Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine	Feed Ph:01 5058766
Health Service Executive Environmental Health Officers Port Health	Food of non-animal origin Ph: 01 8976157