

# Official controls on the import of products of non-animal origin

## Overview of legislative framework under Regulation (EU) 2017/625

### Summary

[Council Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#) on official controls and other official activities as amended by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/478](#) and [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2127](#) set down the general provisions for official controls on animals and goods entering the Union. These provisions are supplemented by a series of Implementing and Delegated Regulations. These provisions are also supplemented by more specific legislation where increased controls, emergency measures and suspension from entry into the EU are required to manage the risks posed.

A summary of the legislative framework for official controls on products of non-animal origin (PONAO) is outlined below.

All PONAO are subject to routine import control in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625, Title II Chapter V Sections I. PONAO subject to mandatory import controls fall under Article 47(1) (d), (e) and (f) and are subject to temporary increased controls, emergency measures or suspension of entry into the EU, Title II Chapter V Section II and relevant Implementing and Delegated Regulations as outlined below. Action in the event of suspicion of non-compliance and non-compliance of animals and goods entering the Union are set out in Title II Chapter V Section III of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1793](#) as amended lays down in:

- (a) Annex I: the list of food of non-animal origin from certain third countries subject to a temporary increase of official controls at their entry into the EU falling within the CN Codes and TARIC classifications laid down in that Annex, in accordance with Article 47(2)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (b) Annex II the special conditions governing the entry into the EU of the certain categories of food due to the risk of contamination by mycotoxins, including aflatoxins, pesticide residues, pentachlorophenol and dioxins and microbiological contamination;
- (c) Annex IIa Food from certain third countries subject to suspension of entry into the Union referred to in Article 11a.

There are five other emergency measures in place for products of non-animal origin. See full list below.

### **Regulation (EU) 2017/625: Official controls on animals and goods entering the Union.**

#### **Title II Chapter V – Official controls on animals and goods entering the Union.**

Articles 43-47

Section I: Animals and goods other than those subject to official controls at border control posts under Section II – Routine controls on all products

Section II: Official controls at border control posts on animals and goods – Mandatory on certain categories of animals and goods

Section III: Action in the event of suspicion of non-compliance and of non-compliances of animals and goods entering the Union

Section IV: Approval of pre-export controls performed by third countries

Section V: Co-operation between authorities in relation to consignments from third countries

Section VI: Specific measures

### **Title VI Chapter II – Conditions for the entry into the Union of animals and goods**

Articles 126-129

### **Implementing and Delegated Regulations**

The following Implementing and Delegated Regulations apply to the import of PONA0 and must be read in conjunction with Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

1. [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1793](#) Temporary increased controls and emergency measures on certain goods of non-animal origin from certain third countries as amended by
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/625,](#)
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1540,](#)
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/608,](#)
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1900,](#)
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/2246 ,](#)
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/913,](#)
  - [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/174](#)
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1110](#)
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/286](#)
  - [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/1662](#)
- Frequency of identity and physical checks
- Model certificate
- Replacement certificates
- Methods of sampling and analysis
- Exemptions – See [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/913](#)

The national legislation for the import of products of non-animal origin

- **HSE controls**  
[S.I. No 575 of 2020](#) as amended by  
[S.I. No. 244 of 2021](#); [S.I. No. 638 of 2021](#); [S.I. No 9 of 2022](#); [S.I. No 328 of 2022](#); [S.I. No 50 of 2023](#) [S.I. No 338 of 2023](#) [S.I. No. 51 of 2024](#) and [S.I. No. 310 of 2024](#)
  
  - **DAFM controls**  
[S.I. No 9 of 2020](#) as amended by  
[S.I. No 237 of 2020](#); [S.I. No 664 of 2020](#); [S.I. No 667 of 2020](#), [S.I. No 572 of 2022](#) and [S.I. No 176 of 2024](#).
2. [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1014](#) - Minimum requirements for border control posts, including inspection centres, and for the format, categories and abbreviations to use for listing border control posts and control points
    - Minimum requirements for infrastructure, equipment and documentation at Border Control Posts (BCPs) and Control Points (CPs)
    - Format, categories, abbreviations and other information for listing BCPs and CPs
    - Re-designation of BCPs and CPs
  
  3. [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1013](#) - Prior notification of certain categories of animals and goods entering the Union
    - Notice to the Competent Authority (CA) at the BCP of first arrival into the EU
    - At least 24 hours before the expected arrival of the consignment
    - Derogation where logistical constraints prevent compliance with time limit. CAs may apply a period of prior notification of at least 4 hours
  
  4. [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1602](#) - Common Health Entry Document accompanying consignments of animals and goods to their destination
    - Requirements for Common Health Entry Document (CHED)
  
  5. [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1715](#) - Information Management System for Official Controls and its system components ('the IMSOC Regulation') as amended by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/547](#) and Corrected by: [Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1715 of 30 September 2019 laying down rules for the functioning of the information management system for official controls and its system components](#) (the IMSOC Regulation)
    - TRACES one of the components of IMSOC
    - Specific rules for each component (TRACES; iRASFF incorporating AAC; ADIS and EUROPHYT)

- CHED D for PONA0 – model in Annex
  - Rules for the computerised handling and exchange of information, data and documents in IMSOC
  - Notification to CAs by completion of Part 1 CHED in TRACES
  - Up to date list of control units to be kept by each TRACES network, list of BCPs and CPs and list of establishments.
6. [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2124](#) – Official controls on consignments of animals and goods in transit, transshipment and onward transportation as amended by
    - o [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2190](#) and
    - o [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2305](#)
    - Rules on transit, transshipment and
    - Conditions for onward transportation
  7. [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2130](#) - Operations to be carried out during and after documentary checks, identity checks and physical checks on animals and goods subject to official controls at border control posts
    - Detailed rules for documentary, identity and physical checks
    - Operations to be carried out during and after documentary, identity and physical checks
  8. [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2123](#) – Rules for the cases where and the conditions under which identity checks and physical checks on certain goods may be performed at control points and documentary checks may be performed at distance from border control posts as amended by
    - o [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2305](#)
    - Conditions under which CAs may perform identity and physical checks at a CP other than a BCP
    - Must be performed in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2130
  9. [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1012](#) - Derogating from the rules on the designation of control points and from the minimum requirements for border control posts
    - Derogations for re-designation of BCP/CP where designation is withdrawn and other than where it is withdrawn
    - BCPs at a distance from the point of entry into the EU due to geographical constraints
  10. [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2235](#) – laying down the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards model animal health certificates, model official certificates and model animal health/official

certificates, for the entry into the Union and movements within the Union of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods, official certification regarding such certificates.

**Amended by**

- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/617](#) of 14 April 2021 amending Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235 and (EU) 2020/2236 as regards model animal health certificates and animal health/official certificates for the entry into the Union of certain aquatic animals and products of animal origin
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/619](#) of 15 April 2021 amending Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235, (EU) 2020/2236 and (EU) 2021/403 as regards transitional provisions for the use of animal health certificates, animal health/official certificates and official certificates
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1329](#) of 10 August 2021 amending Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235, (EU) 2020/2236, (EU) 2021/403 and (EU) 2021/404 as regards extending the transitional period for the use of animal health certificates, animal health/official certificates and official certificates required for the entry into the Union of certain consignments
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1469](#) of 10 September 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards the addition of a new model certificate for products of animal origin that originate in the Union, are moved to a third country or territory and moved back to the Union after unloading, storage and reloading in that third country or territory, amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the list of third countries authorised for entry into the Union of products of animal origin originated in and returning to the Union from a third country or territory, and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the list of third countries or regions thereof authorised for entry into the Union of products of animal origin and certain goods originated in and returning to the Union from a third country or region thereof
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1471](#) of 18 August 2021 amending and correcting Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235 and (EU) 2020/2236 as regards references to national measures designed to limit the impact of certain diseases of aquatic animals and to lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof from which entry into the Union of animals and goods is permitted
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/7](#) of 5 January 2022 amending Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards the animal health requirements for the entry into the Union of dairy products contained in shelf-stable composite products
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/36](#) of 11 January 2022 amending Annex III to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain live aquatic animals and products of animal origin
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/854](#) of 31 May 2022 amending Annex III to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model animal health/official certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain products of animal origin
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/1219](#) of 14 July 2022 amending Annex III to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model certificates for the entry into and transit through the Union of consignments of certain composite products
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2504](#) of 19 December 2022 amending Annexes III and V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model animal health/official certificates and official certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain

fishery products and highly refined products of animal origin, and model private attestation for entering certain composite products into the Union

- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2744](#) of 20 November 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model animal health certificates, model official certificates, model animal health/official certificates and private attestation, for the entry into the Union or transit through the Union of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods, and official certification regarding such certificates
  
- Model certificates for all animals and goods (other than those covered by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793
- Model certificates for sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts: Part XV of Annex III
- Requirements for model certificates not submitted in IMSOC
- Requirements for model certificates submitted in IMSOC
- Replacement certificates

11. [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2292](#) of 6 September 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption, amended by

- [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1149](#) of 5 April 2023 correcting the Polish language version of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption
- [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2652](#) of 15 September 2023 amending and correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of honey, meat, highly refined products, gelatine capsules, fishery products and requirements for private attestation and amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 as regards private attestation requirements for composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts
  
- Requirements for entry into the Union of certain animals and goods
- Requirements for sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts
- CN codes for sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts
- Additional requirements for the official certificates, official attestations and private attestations that must accompany certain animals and goods into the Union and
- Repealed [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/625](#) supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption as amended

## Temporary increased controls, emergency measures and suspension of entry into the Union

### Temporary increased controls, emergency measures and suspension from entry into the EU for food and feed of non-animal origin

Mycotoxins, including aflatoxins, pesticide residues, pentachlorophenol and dioxins, microbiological contamination, viruses, chemical contamination, Sudan dyes, Rhodamine B and plant toxins

Suspension of entry into the EU of foodstuffs consisting of dried beans from Nigeria (Food and feed – varies by product)

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

- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/625](#),
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1540](#)
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/608](#)
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1900](#)
- [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2246](#)
- [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/913](#)
  - [Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/913 of 30 May 2022](#)
- [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/174](#)
  - [Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/174 of 26 January 2023](#)
- [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1110](#)
  - [Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1110 of 6 June 2023](#)
- [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/286](#)
  - [Corrigendum 2024/90035](#)
  - [Corrigendum 2024/90066](#)

#### National legislation:

#### HSE controls

- European union (official controls in relation to food legislation) (imports of food of non-animal origin) regulations 2020 [S.I. No 575 of 2020](#) as amended by  
[S.I. No. 244 of 2021](#)  
[S.I No. 638 of 2021](#)  
[S.I No. 9 of 2022](#)

	<p><a href="#">S.I No. 328 of 2022</a>  <a href="#">S.I. No. 50 of 2023</a>  <a href="#">S.I No. 338 of 2023</a>  <a href="#">S.I. No. 51 of 2024</a></p> <p><b>DAFM controls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European Union (Temporary Increase of Official Controls and Emergency Measures on Imports of Food and Feed of Non-animal Origin) Regulations 2020 <a href="#">S.I. No 9 of 2020</a> as amended by  <a href="#">S.I No 237 of 2020</a>;  <a href="#">S.I No 664 of 2020</a>;  <a href="#">S.I. No 572 of 2022</a> and  <a href="#">S.I. No. 307 of 2023</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Emergency measure</b>  <b>Polycarbonate infant feeding bottles</b>  Prohibition on infant feeding bottles containing Bisphenol A  Declaration of compliance to certify the infant feeding bottle does not contain Bisphenol A  (Food contact material)</p>	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 321/2011</a> amending <a href="#">Regulation (EU) No 10/2011</a></p> <p>European Communities (Plastics and other materials) (Contact with food) Regulations 2017; <a href="#">S.I. No. 49 of 2017</a>, as amended.</p>
<p><b>Emergency measure</b>  <b>GM rice from China</b>  (Food and feed)</p>	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision 2011/884/EU</a> as amended by <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision 2013/287/EU</a></p> <p>European Union (Emergency measures regarding the unauthorised genetically modified rice in rice products for food use originating in or consigned from China) Regulations 2015  <a href="#">S.I. No 138 of 2015</a></p>
<p><b>Polyamide and melamine kitchenware from China</b>  (Food)</p>	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) No 284/2011</a>  European Communities (Plastics and other materials) (Contact with food) Regulations 2017  <a href="#">S.I. No. 49 of 2017</a>, as amended.</p>



<p><b>Sprouts and seeds for sprouting from third countries</b> (Food)</p>	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235</a> as amended (see item 10 on page 4 above)</p> <p><a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292</a>, as amended supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption, amended by</p> <p><a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2652</a> amending and correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of honey, meat, highly refined products, gelatine capsules, fishery products and requirements for private attestation and amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 as regards private attestation requirements for composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts</p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2013</a> European Communities (General Food Law) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 [S.I. No. 383 of 2013] - DoH – to give further effect to <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2013</a></p> <p>European Union (Food and Feed Hygiene) Regulations 2020 [S.I. No. 22 of 2020] – DAFM – to give further effect to <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2013</a>, and <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628</a></p>
<p><b>Food and feed from certain countries post Chernobyl</b> (Food and feed)</p>	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1158</a> amended by <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/256</a></p>

**Other measures**

**Pre-export checks on almonds from the USA and wheat and wheat flour from Canada**  
(Food and feed)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 2015/949](#) as amended by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 2017/1269](#)