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KEEP INFECTIOUS ANIMAL DISEASES OUT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION!

PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN MAY CARRY PATHOGENS THAT CAUSE INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN ANIMALS

Due to the risk of introducing infectious animal diseases into the EU, there are strict procedures for bringing certain products of animal origin into the EU. These procedures do not apply to movements between EU Member States or to products of animal origin brought in from Andorra, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland or San Marino (safeguard measures must be respected, however).

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

Remember to check the safeguard measures for individual countries which may prevent importation:

http://wwwb.mmm.fi/el/laki/komsuojapaatokset_muut.html

Travellers may bring foods of animal origin into Finland from outside the EU for personal consumption as follows:

Meat and meat products and milk and dairy products

You may not bring in any meat and meat products or milk and dairy products for personal consumption or for feeding pets, with the following exception:

a) Imports from the Faeroe Islands, Greenland or Iceland:

Travellers may bring in for their own consumption or send personal consignments not exceeding 10 kg in weight and consisting of meat and dairy products listed in Annex I without having to meet any requirements concerning approved establishments or region of origin requirements for particular animal species and without the need for a veterinary border inspection or accompanying health certificate.

b) Imports from non-EU countries other than those at the point a) above:

Travellers may only bring meat, meat products, milk and dairy products into Finland via border-crossing points where there is a veterinary border inspection post. The border veterinarian will perform a chargeable import inspection on the products. Products may only be imported from non-EU countries if importing the products from those countries is permitted under the regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The products must be accompanied by a health certificate according to an approved model and issued by the veterinary authorities in the country of origin. The value of the imported goods may not exceed 430 euros (the 430 euro limit comes into force on 1 December 2008; before that the import limit is 175 euros).

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Special foods

a) Imports from the Faeroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland:

Travellers may bring in for their own consumption or personal consignments not exceeding 10 kg and consisting of pet foods, powdered infant milk, infant food and special foods for medical reasons listed in Annex I.

b) Imports from non-EU countries other than those at the point a) above:

Travellers may bring in powdered infant milk and infant foods and clinical nutrient preparations (special medical foods) containing meat, meat products, milk and dairy products from all non-EU countries without a veterinary border inspection or any requirements concerning approved establishments, region of origin requirements for particular animal species or a health certificate provided that the goods imported do not exceed 2 kg in weight.

The products must be in their unopened original retail packaging and kept at room temperature.

Fishery products

a) Travellers may bring in for their own consumption or send personal consignments without the need for a veterinary border inspection fishery products not exceeding 20 kg in weight (fresh, dried, cooked, preserved or smoked) or a single fish with a maximum weight of 20 kg provided that the fish are eviscerated.

b) Fishery products may be imported from the Faeroe Islands and Iceland without restrictions.

Small quantities of products of animal origin (e.g. birds' eggs, egg products, honey, frogs' legs and snails)

a) Imports from the Faeroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland:

Travellers may bring in for their own consumption or send personal consignments with a maximum weight of 10 kg in each product group.

b) Imports from non-EU countries other than those at the point a) above: Travellers may bring in for their own consumption or send personal consignments with a maximum weight of 2 kg in each product group without the need for a veterinary border inspection.

Animal feed

Ordinary pet foods containing products of animal origin may not be imported from countries other than the exceptions above. You may only bring in or send personal consignments of pet foods manufactured for medical purposes with a maximum weight of 2 kg per person or per pet provided that they do not have to be refrigerated before opening and are packaged proprietary brand products for retail sale and the packaging has not been opened and is unbroken.

Remember

These rules are applied to all meat and dairy products brought in from non-EU countries regardless of the original country of manufacture of the products. The rules, therefore, also apply to meat and dairy products produced in an EU country, such as Finland, and exported for sale outside of the EU, e.g. as tax-free products.

Large quantities of products of animal origin

If large quantities of products of animal origin are brought into the EU area, they must meet the requirements for commercial imports. These include:

- An official health certificate conforming to EC legislation
- Presenting the consignment and documents at an EU-approved veterinary border inspection post for inspection on arrival in the EU.

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The following products are exempted from the rules above:

- Bread, 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.

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 g per person. For further information go to www.tulli.fi and www.ymparisto.fi.

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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 0404, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included.	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk
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	Only those preparations containing meat and or milk

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	mustard	
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

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 1 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.