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Export to the EU Factsheet- Personal Imports from GB and third countries (non-EU)

The key points:

- The rules for personal imports into the EU of animal products from third countries, including UK, is laid down in EU legislation.
- Personal imports are defined as; goods which form part of passengers' personal luggage or vehicle and are intended for personal consumption or use or Small consignments of goods sent to natural persons which are not intended to be placed on the market.
- Personal imports do not need to enter the EU through a Border Control Post (BCP) and official controls are not required.
- There are restrictions on what you can bring in, so if unsure you should check. https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animalproducts/personal_imports_en
- EU legislation allows for derogations for certain personal imports to be imported without official controls.
- **Meat and dairy are banned** (though there are exemptions for small quantities of baby milk, special pet food and special food for medical purposes – see point 7 of Annex below).
- Eviscerated fresh fishery products or prepared fishery products, or processed fishery products (including fresh, dried, cooked, cured or smoked fish, and certain shellfish, such as prawns, lobsters, dead mussels and dead oysters) provided that their combined quantity does not exceed the weight limit of 20 kg or the weight of one fish, whichever weight is the highest.
- There are 2kg limits for other certain goods e.g. honey, live oysters, live mussels and snails (see rules at point 2, 3 and 5 of Annex below)

The export conditions can be found in:

[Commission Delegated Regulation 2019/2122/EU](#) - as regards certain categories of animals and goods exempted from official controls at border control posts, specific controls on passengers' personal luggage and on small consignments of goods sent to natural persons which are not intended to be placed on the market

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Background

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

The following goods shall not be introduced into the EU, unless the combined quantity of goods listed in points 2, 3 and 5 does not exceed the weight limit of 2 kg per person. In the case of goods coming from the Faroe Islands or Greenland, the combined quantity of goods listed in points 1, 2, 3 and 5 shall not exceed the weight limit of 10 kg per person .

For an overview of controlled and exempted products, see ANNEX 1, below.

1. Small quantities of meat and milk and their products (other than powdered infant milk, infant food, and special foods required for medical reasons or petfood required for health-related reasons)

You may only bring in or send to the EU personal consignments of meat and milk and their products (other than powdered infant milk, infant food, and special foods required for medical reasons or petfood required for health-related reasons) provided that they come from the Faroe Islands or Greenland, and their weight does not exceed 10 kg per person.

2. Powdered infant milk, infant food, and special foods required for medical reasons

You may only bring or send to the EU personal consignments of powdered infant milk, infant food, and special foods required for medical reasons provided that:

- they come from the Faroe Islands or Greenland, and their combined quantity does not exceed the weight limit of 10 kg per person, and that:
 - (a) the product does not require refrigeration before consumption;
 - (b) the product is a packaged proprietary brand product; and
 - (c) the packaging is unbroken unless in current use,
- they come from other countries (other than the Faroe Islands or Greenland), and their combined quantity does not exceed the weight limit of 2 kg per person, and that:
 - (a) the product does not require refrigeration before consumption;
 - (b) the product is a packaged proprietary brand product; and
 - (c) the packaging is unbroken unless in current use.

3. Petfood required for health-related reasons

You may only bring or send to the EU personal consignments of petfood required for health-related reasons provided that:

- they come from the Faroe Islands or Greenland, and their combined quantity does not exceed the weight limit of 10 kg per person, and that:
 - (a) the product does not require refrigeration before consumption;
 - (b) the product is a packaged proprietary brand product; and
 - (c) the packaging is unbroken unless in current use,
- they come from other countries (other than the Faroe Islands or Greenland), and their combined quantity does not exceed the weight limit of 2 kg per person, and that:
 - (a) the product does not require refrigeration before consumption;
 - (b) the product is a packaged proprietary brand product; and

(c) the packaging is unbroken unless in current use.

4. Small quantities of fishery products for personal human consumption.

You may only bring in or send to the EU personal consignments of fishery products (including fresh, dried, cooked, cured or smoked fish, and certain shellfish, such as prawns, lobsters, dead mussels and dead oysters) provided that:

- fresh fish are eviscerated,
- the weight of the fishery products does not exceed, per person, 20 kg or the weight of one fish, whichever weight is the highest.

These restrictions do not apply to fishery products coming from the Faroe Islands or Greenland.

5. Small quantities of other animal products for personal human consumption

You may only bring in or send to the EU other animal products, such as honey, live oysters, live mussels and snails for example, provided that:

- they come from the Faroe Islands or Greenland, and their combined weight does not exceed 10 kg per person,
- they come from other countries (other than the Faroe Islands or Greenland) and their combined weight does not exceed 2 kg per person.

Please note that you may bring into or send to the EU small quantities of animal products from several of the above five categories (paragraphs 1 to 5) provided that they comply with the rules explained in each of the relevant paragraphs.

6. Larger quantities of animal products.

You may only bring in or send to the EU larger quantities of animal products if they meet the requirements for commercial consignments, which include:

- certification requirements, as laid down in the appropriate official EU certificate,
- the presentation of the goods, with the correct documentation, to a EU border control post, on arrival in the EU.

7. Exempted products

The following products are exempted from the rules set out in points 1 to 6:

- bread, cakes, biscuits, waffles and wafers, rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products containing less than 20 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in point (a)(i) of Article 6(1) of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC,
- chocolate and confectionery (including sweets) containing less than 50 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in point (a)(i) of Article 6(1) of Decision 2007/275/EC,
- food supplements packaged for the final consumer containing small amounts (in total less than 20 %) of processed animal products (including glucosamine, chondroitin or chitosan, or both chondroitin and chitosan) other than meat products,
- olives stuffed with fish,

- pasta and noodles not mixed or filled with meat product containing less than 50 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in point (a)(i) of Article 6(1) of Decision 2007/275/EC,
- soup stocks and flavourings packaged for the final consumer containing less than 50 % of fish oils, fish powders or fish extracts and treated as provided for in point (a)(i) of Article 6(1) of Decision 2007/275/EC.

ANNEX 1- Table of Products that are allowed as personal imports

Product type	Conditions
Powdered infant milk, infant food, and special foods required for medical reasons	<p>Their combined quantity does not exceed the weight limit of 2 kg per person, and that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the product does not require refrigeration before consumption; • the product is a packaged proprietary brand product; and • the packaging is unbroken unless in current use.
Petfood required for health-related reasons	<p>Their combined quantity does not exceed the weight limit of 2 kg per person, and that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the product does not require refrigeration before consumption; • the product is a packaged proprietary brand product; and • the packaging is unbroken unless in current use
Small quantities of fishery products for personal human consumption	<p>You may only bring in or send to the EU personal consignments of fishery products (including fresh, dried, cooked, cured or smoked fish, and certain shellfish, such as prawns, lobsters, dead mussels and dead oysters) provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fresh fish are eviscerated, • the weight of the fishery products does not exceed, per person, 20 kg or the weight of one fish, whichever weight is the highest
Small quantities of other animal products for personal human consumption	<p>You may only bring in or send to the EU other animal products, such as honey, live oysters, live mussels and snails for example, provided that:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their combined weight does not exceed 2 kg per person.
<p>Exempted Products</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bread, cakes, biscuits, waffles and wafers, rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products containing less than 20 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in point (a)(i) of Article 6(1) of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC (1), • chocolate and confectionery (including sweets) containing less than 50 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in point (a)(i) of Article 6(1) of Decision 2007/275/EC, • food supplements packaged for the final consumer containing small amounts (in total less than 20 %) of processed animal products (including glucosamine, chondroitin or chitosan, or both chondroitin and chitosan) other than meat products, • olives stuffed with fish, • pasta and noodles not mixed or filled with meat product containing less than 50 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in point (a)(i) of Article 6(1) of Decision 2007/275/EC, • soup stocks and flavourings packaged for the final consumer containing less than 50 % of fish oils, fish powders or fish extracts and treated as provided for in point (a)(i) of Article 6(1) of Decision 2007/275/EC