Animal and composite products subject to official controls

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EU to update lists of animal products, by-products, and composite products subject to official controls at border control posts

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/551 of 13 March 2026 amending the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/632 as regards the lists of products of animal origin, animal by-products and composite products subject to official controls at border control posts

Update

The European Union (EU) has updated the list of products that must be checked by official controls at border control posts. The list now includes the following products, which were previously missing and must be controlled **if they contain products of animal origin**:

- colorant additive E904
- preparations of nuts and other seeds
- glucose syrup and maltodextrine syrup
- isolated peptides
- prepared culture media for the development or maintenance of micro-organisms
- food additives from industrial fatty acids and alcohols.

Impacted products

Products of animal origin, animal by-products, composite products

What is changing?

Regulation 2021/632 sets out a list of products (in its Annex) that must be checked by official controls at border control posts. This new Regulation updates the list to include the products in Table 1.

For clarity, the Annex (complete list) to Regulation 2021/632 is replaced by the Annex of the new Regulation.

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Why?

Products containing ingredients of animal origin are checked to ensure compliance with animal health and food safety rules. Certain foods were not previously included in the list of products requiring checks, and therefore did not go through the necessary controls. This update clarifies control requirements for both operators and competent authorities.

Timeline

This Regulation applies from **1 October 2026**.

Background

In the framework of the Official Controls Regulation 2017/625, Regulation 2021/632 establishes lists of animals, products of animal origin, germinal products (semen, ova, and embryos), animal by-products and derived products, composite products, and hay and straw to be presented for official controls at border control posts, with their respective CN codes.

Resources

Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/551 as regards the lists of products of animal origin, animal by-products and composite products subject to official controls at border control posts

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Table 1
Products now requiring controls at EU border control posts

CN Code[1]	Category of products	Qualification and explanation[2]
ex 1301	Lac; natural gums, resins, gum-resins and oleoresins (e.g. balsams)	Only colorant additive E904, including shellac of animal origin, to be used in the food industry
ex 2008 19	Nuts and other seeds, other than groundnuts/peanuts, whether or not mixed together	Only if containing products of animal origin
ex 2106 90 55	Glucose syrup and maltodextrine syrup	Only if containing products of animal origin (e.g. foaming creamer)
ex 2933	Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only	Isolated peptides of animal origin only
ex 3821 00 00	Prepared culture media for the development or maintenance of micro-organisms (including viruses and similar) or of plant, human, or animal cells	Only if containing animal-derived products
ex 3823	Industrial monocarboxylic fatty acids; acid oils from refining; industrial fatty alcohols	Only food additives of animal origin
ex 3824	Prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores; chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries (including those consisting of mixtures of natural products), not specified or included elsewhere in Chapter 38 Miscellaneous chemical products	Only products of animal origin (e.g. chemical products, intermediate products for pharmaceutical industry, food additives)

[1] "ex" means that official controls are only required for the specific product described and not other products in the same customs codes category.
[2] Details of the products covered.

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