

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

[Draft](#) Commission Implementing Regulation amending 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

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Update

The European Commission has informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee ([G/SPS/N/EU/888](#)) that it intends to extend the list of products that must be presented for official controls at border control posts. The additions for agri-food products concern colorant additive E904, nuts and other seeds, and glucose and maltodextrine syrup **where these contain products of animal origin**. This proposal aims to resolve current ambiguities regarding the need to present these products to border control posts.

The WTO consultation closed on 28 November 2025.

Impacted products

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

What is changing?

The European Union (EU) proposes to amend the list of goods for which official controls are required at border control posts (BCPs). Edible products falling under the following customs (CN) codes must be controlled at border control posts **when they contain ingredients of animal origin**:

- 1301: Colorant additive E904 including shellac of animal origin
- 2008 19: Nuts and other seeds
- 2106 90 55: Glucose and maltodextrine syrup (for example, foaming creamer).

For clarity, the Annex (complete list) to Regulation [2021/632](#) will be replaced by the Annex of the new Regulation when it is published.

Why?

Certain products of animal origin, animal by-products, and composite products are currently missing from the list of products that should be subject to official controls at border control posts. The changes aim to avoid any ambiguity about which consignments of goods must be presented to border control posts.

Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be adopted and published in January 2026, and will apply 20 days after its publication.

Background

In the framework of the Official Controls Regulation [2017/625](#), Implementing 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

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