Animal and composite products subject to official controls

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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

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has updated the list of products that must be checked for compliance with EU animal health and food safety rules through official controls at border control posts. The additional products that now require controls are set out in Table 1.

Timeline

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

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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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