Clarification of import requirements for certain animal products

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Commission Delegated Regulation 2025/637 amending Regulation 2022/2292 as regards the requirements for the entry into the Union of certain dairy products, certain food additives derived from animals, collagen casings, minced meat, meat preparations, mechanically separated meat and composite products containing gelatine capsules

What is changing and why?

Certain animal products – such as food additives, dairy products, and collagen casings – are extensively imported into the European Union. These products may only enter the EU from authorised countries and from establishments approved by the EU, and must be accompanied by health certificates. However, certain products were previously not covered by these requirements because the Combined Nomenclature/Harmonized System (CN/HS) customs codes under which these products are traded were not included in the list of products covered by the relevant legislation (Regulation 2022/2292). This new Regulation adds the customs codes for those missing products.

The new Regulation also clarifies that, in the meat chain for the EU market, all establishments providing raw material, **from the slaughterhouse onwards**, must be EU approved, including establishments producing **minced meat, meat preparations, and mechanically separated meat**.

In addition, under the new Regulation, **no** private attestation guaranteeing compliance with EU rules will be required for composite products that use gelatine capsules **not derived from ruminant bones** as their only animal ingredient.

Timeline

The new rules apply from **19 May 2025**.

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