

Clarification of import requirements for certain animal products

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Draft Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 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, the customs CN/HS codes under which these products are traded are not currently included in the list of customs codes covered by the relevant legislation (Regulation 2022/2292). The EU proposes to add the relevant customs codes.

The new rules also clarify 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.

The EU also proposes that **no** private attestation guaranteeing compliance with EU rules will be required for gelatine capsules used in composite products when the capsules are not derived from ruminant bones.

Actions

Feedback to the WTO closed on 21 October 2024; feedback to the EU's [Have your say](#) portal closed on 18 September 2024.

Timeline

The new rules are expected to apply by **March 2025**.

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