

Composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts

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EU extends the list of composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2026/908](#) of 27 April 2026 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 as regards the private attestation requirements of the composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts, and the inclusion of certain cereal products, prepared or preserved vegetables, fruits, nuts, sauces, condiments, seasonings and confectionery in the list of exempted composite products

Update

The European Union (EU) has updated the list of shelf-stable composite products that are exempted from official controls at border control posts. The list now includes certain cereal products such as popcorn, corn sticks and puffs; potato chips and crisps suitable for immediate consumption; prepared or preserved vegetables, fruits, nuts, and other edible parts of plants that contain honey as the only ingredient of animal origin; sauces containing oyster or fish extracts; sauces and preparations, condiments, and seasonings that contain honey as the only ingredient of animal origin; and sweets, gums etc. that contain synthetic sweetening agents.

Impacted products

Cereal products such as popcorn, corn sticks and puffs; potato chips and crisps suitable for immediate consumption; prepared or preserved vegetables, fruits, nuts, and other edible parts of plants that contain honey as the only ingredient of animal origin; sauces containing oyster or fish extracts; sauces and preparations, condiments, and seasonings that contain honey as the only ingredient of animal origin; and sweets, gums etc. that contain synthetic sweetening agents

What is changing?

Most animal products exported to the EU are subject to official controls at border control posts. Certain composite products (that contain a mixture of plant-based and processed animal ingredients) are considered to be low risk and do not need to undergo these controls, provided they fulfil certain requirements (see Background).

The complete list of products exempted from mandatory controls is given in the Annex to Regulation [2021/630](#).

This new Regulation:

- updates the list of exempted products, adding those listed in Table 1
- clarifies that private attestations are not required for shelf-stable composite products containing gelatine or collagen that is not derived from ruminant bones (in line with Regulation 2025/637 – see Clarification of import requirements for certain animal products).

The Annex to Regulation 2021/630 will be replaced by the Annex to this new Regulation.

Why?

The shelf-stable composite products in listed Table 1 are considered to pose a low risk to human and animal health.

Timeline

This Regulation applies from **23 July 2026**.

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Regulation [2026/908](#) clarifies that there are no mandatory official controls at EU border control posts of the shelf-stable composite products listed in Table 1, removing the confusion that has surrounded many of these products.

Competent authorities can still choose to control these products at the place of destination, during customs controls, or at the premises of the operator responsible for the consignment, based on a risk assessment of the need for controls.

Background

Regulation [2022/2292](#) lays down requirements for composite products entering the EU from non-EU countries.

The rules specifying which animal products require official controls at border control posts are set out in:

- Regulation 2021/630: composite products exempt from official controls
- Regulation 2021/632: composite products that must undergo official controls.

Composite products are only exempt from official controls at border control posts if they:

- are shelf-stable (do not need to be transported or stored under controlled temperatures) and do not contain shelf-stable processed meat
- are exported from countries that are authorised to export the specific ingredients contained in the EU composite products
- contain only dairy and egg ingredients that have undergone appropriate risk-mitigating treatments (Regulation 2020/692, Art. 163)
- are identified for human consumption
- are securely packaged or sealed.

Regulation [2022/2292](#) (Art. 20.4) states that no private attestation is required for composite products where the only animal ingredient is food additives (Regulation [1333/2008](#)), flavourings (Regulation [1334/2008](#)), enzymes (Regulation [1332/2008](#)), or vitamin D3 or gelatine capsules not derived from ruminant bones (Regulation [2025/637](#) – see [Clarification of import requirements for certain animal products](#)).

Resources

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2022/2292](#) with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2021/630](#) as regards certain categories of goods exempted from official controls at border control posts and amending

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2021/632](#) as regards the lists of animals, products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and derived products, composite products, and hay and straw subject to official controls at border control posts

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2020/692](#) as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin

Regulation (EC) No [1333/2008](#) on food additives

Regulation (EC) No [1334/2008](#) on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods

Regulation (EC) No [1332/2008](#) on food enzymes

Regulation (EC) No [853/2004](#) laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin

Sources

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2026/908](#) as regards the private attestation requirements of the composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts, and the inclusion of certain cereal products, prepared or preserved vegetables, fruits, nuts, sauces, condiments, seasonings and confectionery in the list of exempted composite products

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Foods added to the list of composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts	
CN codes*	Foods added to the list of exempted products
ex 1904 10, ex 1904 20, ex 1904 90	Cereal products such as popcorn, corn sticks, and corn puffs
ex 2001, ex 2004, ex 2005, ex 2008 19, ex 2008 99, ex 1604	• Potato chips and crisps suitable for immediate consumption • Preserved vegetables, fruits, nuts, and other edible plants that contain honey as the only ingredient of animal origin
ex 2103	• Sauces containing oyster or fish extracts • Sauces and preparations, condiments, and seasonings that contain honey as the only ingredient of animal origin
ex 2106	Sweets, gums, etc. that contain synthetic sweetening agents instead of sugar
* "ex" means that only the specific products detailed in the second column are affected, not all products in that customs category.  www.agrininfo.eu	

Source: based on Regulation [2026/908](#), Annex

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