EU sets conditions for notification of additional goods prior to arrival

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Regulation (EU) 2024/2104 as regards the cases where and the conditions under which competent authorities may request operators to notify the arrival of certain goods entering the Union

What is changing and why?

This Regulation clarifies the conditions under which EU Member State authorities may request non-EU operators or importers to give advance notification of the arrival of certain goods at EU border control posts. This relates to animal and plant products that are not already subject to advance notification under the Official Controls Regulation (2017/625, Arts. 47 and 48), and may include food and feed of non-animal origin as well as food contact materials, feed additives, or plant protection products. The information required must be provided by the operator through the EU's Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES).

When a risk is identified to human, animal, or plant health, to animal welfare, or to the environment, competent authorities of EU Member States may request advance notification. The history of compliance with the official controls of these goods must be taken into account.

Actions

Exporters of consignments of feed and food of non-animal origin that are not already covered by Art. 47 of the Official Controls Regulation, and that will be controlled at a border control post, must check (via TRACES or with the destination border control post) whether these goods require notification prior to arrival in the EU.

Timeline

EU Member State authorities can request advance notifications from **3 March 2025**.

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