



Import conditions

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What are EU import conditions? A reminder

- *Guarantees to be provided as regards products of animal origin by:*
 - **Listing of countries or regions: assurances at national or regional level**
 - Reliable control system
 - Animal health
 - **Listing of establishments: assurances at establishment level: e.g. compliance with hygiene rules**
 - **Certification: assurances at consignment level**



Three draft Regulations under discussion:

- 1. Delegated Regulation under Article 126(1)***
- 2. Implementing Regulation under Article 127(2): List of countries***
- 3. Implementing Regulation under Article 90: model certificates***

Obligation to refer to CN codes



Consultations so far

9 June 2017 and 6 October 2017: short presentation to the MS

8 November 2017: Ad-hoc consultation meeting with Advisory Group for the Food Chain

18-19 January 2018: detailed discussion with Member States

Bilateral exchanges with Member States and European stakeholders' organizations



1. Delegated Regulation under Article 126(1)

- *Food requiring listing of third countries and conditions for such listing*
- *Food requiring listing of establishments and conditions for such listing*
- *Food requiring certification*
- *Specific conditions*
 - **fresh meat, minced meat, meat preparations, meat products and MSM**
 - **LBM, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods**
 - **fishery products**



1. Delegated Regulation under Article 126(1): Main issues discussed

- *Link with Article 47 (BIP checks) in particular for sprouts and seeds intended for sprouting*
- *Some reluctance on the derogation from the listing of establishments for highly refined products*
- *Shorter consultation period for updating lists of establishments proposed*





2. Implementing Regulation listing countries and regions (Art 127(2))

- *Mandatory for **all products of animal origin** by the end of 2020, including insects, reptile meat, ... or import would no longer be allowed*
- *Main comments were on the consideration of live snails, insects (dead and alive), casings*



3. Implementing Regulation laying down model certificates/documents (Art 90): main comments

- *Technical comments related to consistency of wordings, insects, snails, reptile meat*
- *Need and legal basis to include the certificates for ante-mortem inspection at the holding + role of signing veterinarian*





Ongoing

- *Internal reflections on import conditions for composite products*
- *Internal clarification on insects:*
 - **Dead ones, parts and processed ones: novel food**
 - **Live insects: not novel food**
- *Internal consultation of TAXUD (CN-codes) and the Legal Service*
- *Questionnaire collecting information on lists of countries and establishments for insects, reptile meat, casings and highly refined products*



Next

- *New drafts second half of March*
- *Next meetings: 11 and 12 April 2018*

