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**Information from Member States on the implementation of
Regulation (EC) No. 206/2009 (Personal imports)**

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(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 206/2009

of 5 March 2009

on the introduction into the Community of personal consignments of products of animal origin and amending Regulation (EC) No 136/2004

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(5), Article 16(3) and (4) and Article 17(7) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption ⁽²⁾, and in particular the third indent of Article 8(5) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 25(2)(c) and (d) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 97/78/EC provides for veterinary checks on consignments of certain products of animal origin introduced into the Community from third countries.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 3(1) and (2) of that Directive, Member States are to ensure that no consignment from a third country is introduced into the Community without having been subjected to the appropriate veterinary

checks (systematic checks), and that consignments are introduced into the Community via a border inspection post.

- (3) Pursuant to Article 16 of Directive 97/78/EC, those requirements are not to apply to products which form part of travellers' luggage and are intended for their personal consumption, in so far as their quantity does not exceed a quantity to be defined in accordance with the procedure described therein. Also, those requirements are not to apply to products sent as small consignments to private persons, provided that the products are not being imported by way of trade, in so far as their quantity does not exceed a quantity to be defined in accordance with the procedure described in that Directive.
- (4) Commission Decision 2007/275/EC of 17 April 2007 concerning lists of animals and products to be subject to controls at border inspection posts under Council Directives 91/496/EEC and 97/78/EC ⁽⁴⁾ lists the products of animal origin to be subjected to veterinary checks at border inspection posts.
- (5) Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 136/2004 laying down procedures for veterinary checks at Community border inspection posts on products imported from third countries ⁽⁵⁾ lays down a weight limit of 1 kg for the exemption from systematic veterinary checks for products destined for human consumption from approved countries or parts thereof. That Article also lays down weight limits for other specific products of animal origin introduced into Denmark, *inter alia*, from Greenland and the Faeroe Islands, and with regard to certain fish introduced into Finland and Sweden from Russia.



2. The controls provided for in paragraph 1 shall aim at detecting the presence of personal consignments of products of animal origin and at verifying that the conditions laid down in Article 2 are met.

3. The controls provided for in paragraph 1 may be organised using a risk based approach, including, if judged necessary by the competent authority of the Member State, the use of effective detection aids, such as scanning equipment and detector dogs, to screen large volumes of personal baggage for the presence of personal consignments of products of animal origin.

Article 6

Penalties

1. The competent authority or authorities, which carry out official controls shall:

- (a) identify the personal consignments which are in breach of the rules laid down in this Regulation;
- (b) seize and destroy such consignments in accordance with national legislation.

2. The competent authority or authorities, which carry out official controls, may impose costs or penalties for the person responsible for any personal consignment that is found to be in breach of the rules laid down in this Regulation.

3. Member States shall ensure that the national legislation applicable for the seizure and destruction of personal consignments identifies the natural or legal person liable for the costs of destruction of all such personal consignments that are seized.

Article 7

Reporting obligations

1. Member States shall submit to the Commission, every year, a report summarising the relevant information on the measures taken to advertise and enforce the rules laid down in this Regulation, and on the results thereof.

2. The report shall be in the form of a completed table as set out in Annex V, and shall be submitted by the first day of May in the year immediately following the end of each annual reporting period. The reporting period shall run from 1 January to 31 December.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 March 2009.

Article 8

Amendment

Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 136/2004 is replaced by the following:

'Article 8

Specific rules for products which form part of travellers' luggage or are sent as consignments to private persons

Products of animal origin which form part of travellers' luggage or are sent as small consignments to private persons shall comply with the requirements laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 206/2009 (*).

(*) OJ L 77, 24.3.2009, p. 1.'

Article 9

Repeal

Regulation (EC) No 745/2004 is repealed.

References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be correlated in accordance with the table set out in Annex VII.

Article 10

Transitional provisions

Member States may submit to the Commission, a completed table as laid down in Annex VI instead of Annex V as required in Article 7, for the reporting periods prior to 1 January 2011, by the first day of March in the year immediately following the end of each annual reporting period. The reporting period shall run from 1 January to 31 December.

Article 11

Entry into force and application

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall apply from 1 May 2009.

For the Commission
Androulla VASSILIOU
Member of the Commission



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Diseases don't respect borders



If you bring in meat or dairy products from outside the EU,
you risk importing animal diseases.

If you do not declare such items, you may be fined or
face criminal prosecution.

These products will be seized and destroyed on arrival.

You may bring in small quantities for personal consumption from:
Andorra, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland

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Keep animal diseases out of the European Union!

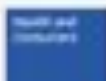


**Travellers must surrender
these products for official controls***

Products of animal origin may
carry pathogens that cause infectious diseases in animals

There are strict procedures and veterinary controls on
the introduction of products of animal origin into the European Union

*Other than those arriving with in small quantities for personal consumption from
Andorra, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino and Switzerland



Number of illegal consignments of meat and milk found in personal luggage

3.4	2015	2016	Difference
Austria			Not indicated
Belgium	1470	1342	Reduction
Bulgaria	343	573	Increase
Croatia	1588	1332	Reduction
Cyprus	6	10	Increase
Czech Republic	2112	1831	Reduction
Denmark		558	
Estonia	116	157	Increase
Finland	454	480	Increase
France	1834	1973	Increase
Germany	7700	6847	Reduction
Greece	513	162	Reduction
Hungary	423	347	Reduction
Ireland	2327	1281	Reduction
Italy	5860	4091	Reduction
Latvia			Not indicated
Lithuania	2086	1431	Reduction
Luxembourg	360	330	Reduction
Malta	65	97	Increase
Netherlands	7231	4578	Reduction
Poland	9584	21597	Increase
Portugal	248	419	Increase
Romania	519	2348	Increase
Slovak Republic	261	132	Reduction
Slovenia	20	29	Increase
Spain			Not indicated
Sweden	13	21	Increase
United Kingdom	9346	6251	Reduction
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION	54479	58217	Increase
Norway	291	500	Increase
Switzerland		7290	

Meat and meat products confiscated and/or destroyed

3.5	2015	2016	
	kg	kg	
Austria	2778	2689	Reduction
Belgium	4560	8850	Increase
Bulgaria	814	1713	Increase
Croatia	11391	13565	Increase
Cyprus	44	77	Increase
Czech Republic	544	1065	Increase
Denmark		252	
Estonia	4226	390	Reduction
Finland	1259	1458	Increase
France	13338	19339	Increase
Germany	9700	8656	Reduction
Greece	1353	457	Reduction
Hungary	2611	1924	Reduction
Ireland	3788	2343	Reduction
Italy	11624	12505	Increase
Latvia	17769	12887	Reduction
Lithuania	4708	3748	Reduction
Luxembourg	540	514	Reduction
Malta	192	360	Increase
Netherlands	16260	19187	Increase
Poland	29277	53792	Increase
Portugal	823	816	Reduction
Romania	2239	10211	Increase
Slovak Republic	2021	1322	Reduction
Slovenia	41	65	Increase
Spain	7828	7924	Increase
Sweden	114	120	Increase
United Kingdom	22615	16105	Reduction
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION	172457	202334	Increase
Norway	934	639	Reduction
Switzerland		12966	

Milk/dairy products confiscated and/or destroyed

3.6	2015	2016	
	kg	kg	
Austria	4194	4139	Reduction
Belgium	1651	370	Reduction
Bulgaria	704	298	Reduction
Croatia	7981	6526	Reduction
Cyprus	0	18	Increase
Czech Republic	64	182	Increase
Denmark		281	
Estonia	143	257	Increase
Finland	510	1617	Increase
France	3525	2787	Reduction
Germany	13100	11972	Reduction
Greece	1331	865	Reduction
Hungary	324	301	Reduction
Ireland	1772	1186	Reduction
Italy	6658	9196	Increase
Latvia	11529	8785	Reduction
Lithuania	1205	1001	Reduction
Luxembourg	730	466	Reduction
Malta	56	65	Increase
Netherlands	14285	8657	Reduction
Poland	5018	14922	Increase
Portugal	233	298	Increase
Romania	693	2097	Increase
Slovak Republic	360	199	Reduction
Slovenia	27	108	Increase
Spain	7477	10642	Increase
Sweden	48	9	Reduction
United Kingdom	12032	6618	Reduction
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION	95650	93862	Reduction
Norway	429	416	Reduction
Switzerland		7487	



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Third countries from which passengers have most regularly been subject to targeted searches

3.3	2016
Russia	12
Turkey	12
Egypt	8
China	8
Ukraine	7
3.3	2015
Turkey	12
Russia	10
Ukraine	6
China	5
Egypt	3



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Third countries from which passengers were most regularly found to be carrying illegal meat/meat products and milk/milk product

3.7	2016
Turkey	20
Russia	13
China	13
Egypt	8
Ukraine	7
3.7	2015
Turkey	14
Russia	11
China	9
Ukraine	6
Egypt	4

Number of illegal consignments of meat and milk found in such personal consignments

4.4	2015	2016	Difference
Austria	0	0	
Belgium	46	5	Reduction
Bulgaria	4	4	No change
Croatia	0	0	
Cyprus	0	2	Increase
Czech Republic	48	51	Increase
Denmark		161	
Estonia	0	0	
Finland	8	10	Increase
France	4	2	Reduction
Germany	800	785	Reduction
Greece	0	0	
Hungary	0	0	
Ireland	0	44	Increase
Italy	5	17	Increase
Latvia	0	1	Increase
Lithuania	0	0	
Luxembourg	0	1	Increase
Malta	36	67	Increase
Netherlands	107	144	Increase
Poland	49	99	Increase
Portugal	51	63	Increase
Romania	0	0	
Slovak Republic	0	0	
Slovenia	0	0	
Spain	451	385	Reduction
Sweden	4	0	Reduction
United Kingdom	96	98	Increase
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION	1709	1939	Increase
Norway	0	0	
Switzerland		42	

Meat and meat products confiscated and/or destroyed after being found in such personal consignments

4.5	2015	2016	Difference
	kg	kg	
Austria	0	0	
Belgium	33	17	Reduction
Bulgaria	0	0	
Croatia	0	0	
Cyprus	0	3	Increase
Czech Republic	52	41	Reduction
Denmark			no data given
Estonia	0	0	
Finland	18	7	Reduction
France	17	4	Reduction
Germany	900	764	Reduction
Greece	0	0	
Hungary	0	0	
Ireland	0	65	Increase
Italy	31	120	Increase
Latvia	0	5	Increase
Lithuania	0	0	
Luxembourg	0	1	Increase
Malta	20	1186	Increase
Netherlands	9149	2325	Reduction
Poland	104	170	Increase
Portugal	83	146	Increase
Romania	0	0	
Slovak Republic	0	0	
Slovenia	0	0	
Spain	417	272	Reduction
Sweden	3	0	Reduction
United Kingdom	259	334	Increase
Total European Union	11086	5460	Reduction
Norway	0	0	
Switzerland		124	

Milk and milk products confiscated and/or destroyed after being found in such personal consignments

4.6	2015	2016	Difference
	kg	kg	
Austria	0	0	
Belgium	0	6	Increase
Bulgaria	6610	17	Reduction
Croatia	0	0	
Cyprus	0	0	
Czech Republic	9	33	Increase
Denmark			no data given
Estonia	0	0	
Finland	0	1	Increase
France	40	1	Reduction
Germany	80	900	Increase
Greece	0	0	
Hungary	0	0	
Ireland	0	33	Increase
Italy	3	10	Increase
Latvia	0	0	
Lithuania	0	0	
Luxembourg	0	0	
Malta	4	9	Increase
Netherlands	11	1947	Increase
Poland	0	24	Increase
Portugal	10	146	Increase
Romania	0	0	
Slovak Republic	0	0	
Slovenia	0	0	
Spain	243	196	Reduction
Sweden	0	0	
United Kingdom	257	780	Increase
Total European Union	7267	4103	Reduction
Norway	0	0	
Switzerland		0	



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Small consignments sent to private persons or ordered remotely (by mail, telephone or internet)

Third countries from which such personal consignments have most regularly been subject to targeted searches

China 9

USA 7

Turkey 4

Vietnam 4

Russia 3

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Small consignments sent to private persons or ordered remotely (by mail, telephone or internet)

Third countries from which such personal consignments have most regularly been subject to targeted searches

China 9

USA 6

Russia 4

South Africa 3

Vietnam 3



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4.7

Small consignments sent to private persons or ordered remotely (by mail, telephone or internet)

2016

Countries from where such personal consignments were most regularly found to be containing illegal meat and meat products and milk and milk products

USA

8

China

7

Thailand

5

Russia

4

Turkey

4

4.7

Small consignments sent to private persons or ordered remotely (by mail, telephone or internet)

2015

Countries from where such personal consignments were most regularly found to be containing illegal meat and meat products and milk and milk products

China

9

USA

9

Russia

5

Thailand

4

Turkey

3