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Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

Import Controls on Food of Animal Origin and Composites Products

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Personal imports & courier parcels

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Main risk = introduction of **animal disease**

ANIMAL HEALTH


Foot and mouth disease (FMD)

African Swine fever (ASF)

Newcastle Disease

HPAI

PUBLIC HEALTH RISK?

 for private consumers, no concern for public health risk

African Swine Fever

- Main reservoir in Africa, endemic in parts of Asia and some European countries
- Highly resistant
- Material infectious for 3 to 6 months in uncooked pork products
- Transmission : not infectious to humans
 - direct contact with animals or contaminated items
 - ingestion of contaminated pork products

Foot and Mouth Disease

- Endemic in some part of Africa, Asia, South America and Europe
- Highly resistant : up to 60 days in unpasteurized cheese, 21 days on skins
- Transmission :
 - contact with contaminated items
 - frozen meat, unpasteurized dairy products

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Newcastle Disease (NDV)

- Endemic in some part of Africa, Asia, South America and Europe
- Highly resistant : several weeks on bird feathers and feces, up to 2 years in frozen meat

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

- Asia, Africa, South America, parts of Europe
- Highly resistant : several weeks on feces

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Regulation (EU) 2017/625 **Official Control Regulation**

Topics of the regulation to **cover travellers:**

- **Art. 43 and 44:** risk-based controls
- **Art. 48:** principle for exemptions of travellers and small consignments
- **Art. 53:** empowerment for the competent authorities
- **Art. 66, 67, 68:** procedures for illegal consignments
- **Art. 70:** unified procedures of member states

Regulation (EU) 2019/2122

- **Art. 7** : exempted goods
- **Art. 8** : information to travellers
- **Art. 9** : specific official controls
- **Art. 10** : small consignments (courier parcels)
- **Annex I** part 1 : list of exempted goods
part 2 : list of non-exempted goods
- **Annex II** : information posters
- **Annex III** : information leaflet

Regulation (EU) 2021/632

Goods and Animals subject to official control at Border post

Regulation (EU) 2021/630

Goods exempted to official control at Border post

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Weight tolerance

Meat, dairy products & their derivatives

(Annex I part 2 of Reg.(EU) 2019/2122)



**MILK, cheese and all type of dairy products
(HC or NHC)**



**MEAT and all type of meat products
(HC or NHC)**

Not allowed
Weight limit = 0 kg / person

Weight tolerance

Meat, dairy products & their derivatives

(Annex I part 1 of Reg.(EU) 2019/2122)

- powdered infant milk, infant food & special foods required for medical reasons
- Petfood required for medical reasons

Weight limit: 2 kg /person (combined quantity)

Applies only if product does not require refrigeration before consumption, is a packaged, proprietary-branded product and packaging is unbroken unless in current use



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Weight tolerance

Fishery products

(Art. 7 of Reg.(EU) 2019/2122)

- fresh & eviscerated fish
- prepared fishery products
- processed fishery products



Weight limit: 20 kg /person (combined quantity)

or the weight of 1 fish whichever is the highest

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Weight tolerance

Other products : honey, live oysters and mussels, snails etc...

(Art. 7 of Reg.(EU) 2019/2122)



Weight limit: 2 kg /person (combined quantity)

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Exceptions

(Art. 7 of Reg.(EU) 2019/2122)

Andorra, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland :

Goods from those countries are exempted

Faroe Islands and Greenland :

Fishery products are exempted (provided that fresh fish are eviscerated)

All other products are subject to **10 kg limit**

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Further exemptions Annex of Regulation (EU) 2021/632



CN codes	Explanations
(1)	(2)
1704, ex 1806 20, ex 1806 31 00, ex 1806 32, ex 1806 90 11, ex 1806 90 19, ex 1806 90 31, ex 1806 90 39, ex 1806 90 50, ex 1806 90 90	Confectionery (including sweets), chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa that meet the requirements of Article 3(1)
ex 1902 19, ex 1902 30, ex 1902 40	Pasta, noodles and couscous that meet the requirements of Article 3(1)
ex 1905 10, ex 1905 20, ex 1905 31, ex 1905 32, ex 1905 40, ex 1905 90	Bread, cakes, biscuits, waffles and wafers, rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products that meet the requirements of Article 3(1)
ex 2001 90 65, ex 2005 70 00, ex 1604	Olives stuffed with fish that meet the requirements of Article 3(1)
2101	Extracts, essences and concentrates, of coffee, tea or maté and preparations with a basis of these products or with a basis of coffee, tea or maté thereof that meet the requirements of Article 3(1). Roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes, and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof that meet the requirements of Article 3(1).
ex 2104	Soup stocks and flavourings packaged for the final consumer that meet the requirements of Article 3(1)

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- Bread, cakes, biscuits, waffles, toasted bread with less than 20% of processed dairy and egg products
- Chocolates and confectionery (including sweets) with less than 50% of processed dairy and egg products
- Food supplements packaged for final consumer with less than 20% of processed animal products (other than meat products)
- Olives stuffed with fish
- Pasta and noodles not mixed or filled with meat product with less than 50% of processed dairy and egg products
- Soup stocks and flavourings packaged for final consumer with less than 50 % of fish oil, fish powder or fish extracts

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Animal products from protected species:

Additional restrictions may apply to some products from protected species (CITES):

Caviar of Sturgeon species : 125g / person max



Art. 8 of regulation EU° 2019/2122

” In all points of entry into the Union, the competent authority shall display information by means of one of the posters set out in Annex II, in at least one of the official languages of the Member State of introduction into the Union, placed in locations which are easily visible to passengers arriving from third countries”

Models of posters in [Annex II](#)

Information intended for passengers in [Annex III](#)

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Controls

- **Where?**
 - At points of entry in the Community
- **By whom?**
 - Competent authorities
- **How?**
 - Risk-based approach, including if necessary, effective detection aids (scanning equipment, detector dogs etc.)



After identification, personal consignments found in breach are:

- Seized and destroyed in accordance with national legislation

CA may impose costs or penalties on person responsible

- MS shall ensure the natural or legal person liable for the costs of destruction is identified

- Same rules apply to postal / courier parcels.
- Only difference : no passengers / travellers accompanying the parcel
- Checks are usually performed by postal service, assisted by customs

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Personal imports – *Roissy CDG airport*

By whom?

1. **Customs** daily
2. **Joint controls with SIVEP agents**
 - a. monthly
 - b. **increased frequency when animal disease outbreak in 3rd country**

Where?

In passenger terminals

How?

Frequency of checks:

Flights with **high risk** for animal health:
all passengers are checked

Flights with **lower risk** for animal health:
random checks

during joint controls, SIVEP agents are backup –
passengers checked are chosen by customs

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How?

Selection of checked luggage:

- Large volume bags or bags with unusual shape
- Bags with seepage of fluids or abnormal smell
- Cool boxes
- Random selection

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Joint controls

Targeted suitcases



Smoked fish
OK

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Personal imports – *Roissy CDG airport*



Worms
OK



Worms
OK



Fresh meat
NO

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Personal imports – *Roissy CDG airport*



Smoked fish
OK



Fresh eviscerated fish
OK



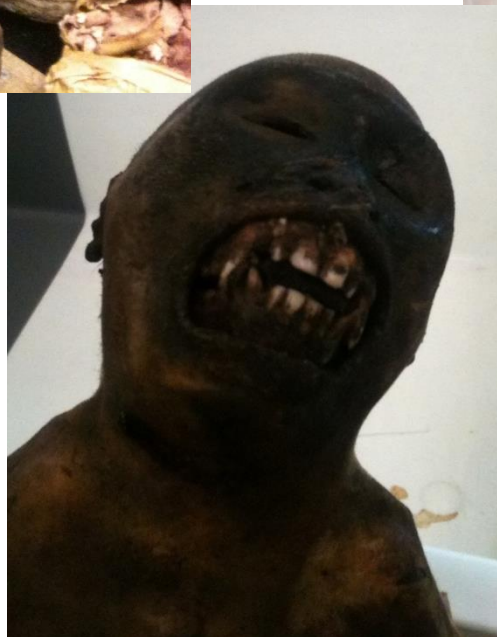
Smoked fish
OK

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Bush meat
NO

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Bush meat
NO

Information for travellers?

1. Distribution of leaflets to passengers at airport before departing (Roissy & 3rd countries) – *mainly Air France*
2. Printing of posters in onboard magazines – *Air France*



Information for travellers?

3. In passengers' terminals – displaying of posters in adequate languages regarding terminals

e.g. terminal 2E – incoming flights mainly from Asian countries



French

English

Japanese

Chinese



Annual reports

1. **CDG's custom staff** – monthly reports to higher customs authority
2. **SIVEP** – trimestrial report to DGAL

All are centralised & sent annually to COM

Records 2019

32 tons of food seized & destroyed by customs

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Same rules as for personal imports

France:

2 international postal hubs for “La Poste”:

- Roissy CDG
- Chilly Mazarin

Checks carried out randomly by customs called “Douane banale” after risk assessment

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Courier / Postal parcels – *Roissy CDG airport*

Roissy CDG centre: Receives parcels < 2 kgs & letters

➡ Limited custom checks - risk assessed as low

Chilly-Mazarin centre: All types of parcels

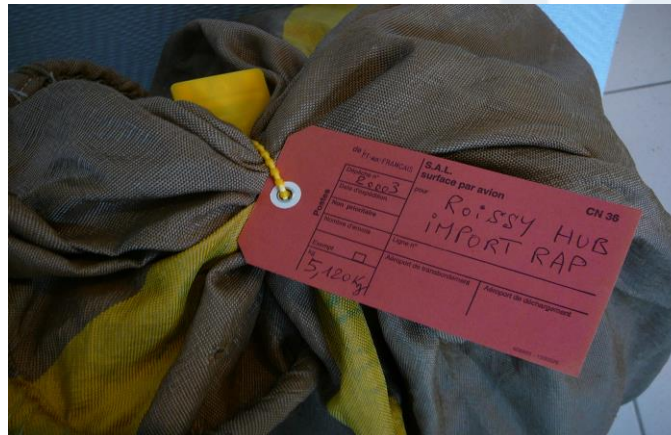
➡ Main centre for custom checks on parcels

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- Parcels from the same country of origin are transported in the same “bag”
- Bag is labelled with country of origin & total weight
- Risk assessment is based on country of origin and weight of consignment
- All parcels found to be eligible for import control in BCP are removed for later presentation to the BCP

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Courier / Postal parcels – Roissy CDG airport



Express couriers companies (Fedex, DHL)

Customs are on site full time for each company

- *50 custom officers during daytime*
- *10 custom officers during night time*

Parcel information (*country of origin, weight, consignee, consignor, custom code...*) is entered in special database by express couriers employees when a parcel is received

Customs then make a risk assessment for each parcel and open if necessary = presentation at the BCP if required

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Courier / Postal parcels – Roissy CDG airport



Le fret aérien

Roissy CDG est le premier aéroport de fret européen

2 millions tonnes/an

Triple hub cargo :
FedEx, Air France et chronopost

Travail collectif de FedEx et Air France.

1800 personnes pour FedEx

Scan pour le suivi des colis



Customer information:

La Poste and Customs' websites state the conditions for importing personal consignments into the EU

Penalties:

- Statement of offence against person
- Parcel seized & destroyed

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BTSF Examples in other MS

Germany

5 International post centres

- post centers linked to local customs offices
- all unclear cases to customs
- When necessary, postal consignments are blocked by the postal service and handed over to customs office



BTSF Examples in other MS

Poland

- five postal customs offices
- supervision by veterinary units
- cooperation of customs and post office



Spain

- three postal hubs
(Madrid airport, Canary Islands)
- supervision by BCPs
- cooperation with customs (risk based monitoring plan)
- Madrid: 1.800 postal consignments from third countries per day



BTSF Examples in other MS

Austria

- All hubs for mail courier service like FedEx or UPS located at Vienna airport
- All consignments subject to veterinary checks are directly notified to the BCP Vienna Airport
- Central post is located in a different part of Vienna with own customs office. No vet checks, such consignments are not allowed and sent back, or will go to incineration
- control measures are performed by the customs authority

central hub post office
near Vienna



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