

# Specifications for the Import of Sauce Preparations and Mixed Condiments

## EU

### Range of products: tomato sauces (all types), ketchup, mustards, soya sauce

In addition to the general requirements and the general labeling requirements, please see the information below.

#### Soya sauce, Mustard, Tomato Ketchup

Generally, food of non-animal origin:

- Can enter the EU without certification by the competent authorities of the third country of dispatch, and
- Is not subjected to a pre-notification procedure on arrival.

#### Other Requirements

Control of contaminants in foodstuffs	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>
Health control of foodstuffs of non-animal origin	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>
Labeling for foodstuffs	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>
Voluntary - Products from organic production	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>

#### Import Procedures Related to Food Hygiene

When importing food of non-animal origin, it is incumbent upon the importer to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements of food law or with conditions recognized equivalent thereto by the Community.

- Food of non-animal origin may be submitted to controls in accordance with a control plan drawn up in the light of potential risks (see Article 15, paragraph 1 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004)(EU std no. 22). Such controls must take place in accordance with national law in the different Member States. This may be at the point of entry, the point of release for free circulation, the importer's premises, retail outlets, etc.

*Apart from food hygiene, these import controls may also cover other food safety issues such as: additives, materials in contact with food, contaminants, etc.* Certain food commodities of non-animal origin need to be presented at a designated point for being submitted to checks. See Annex III in the import guidance document (see EU std no.56) or

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/international/trade/interpretation\\_imports.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/international/trade/interpretation_imports.pdf).

#### **Other useful links**

EU Export Help Desk

[http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/display.htm?page=rt%2frt\\_InputForm.html&docType=main&languageId=en](http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/display.htm?page=rt%2frt_InputForm.html&docType=main&languageId=en)