

Specifications for the Import of Cereal-Based Products EU

Range of cereal products: flours, pasta (all types), bread, biscuits, wafers, corn flakes, pastry

In addition to the general requirements and the labeling requirements:

The following parameters are relevant to all the range:

Control of contaminants in foodstuffs	EU/GB
Health control of foodstuffs of non-animal origin	EU/GB
Labeling for foodstuffs	EU/GB
Voluntary - Products from organic production	EU/G

Food of Non-Animal Origin Subject to Increased Level of Controls

In accordance with Article 15, paragraph 5 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, the Commission may establish a list of food of non-animal origin (including composite products) that, on the basis of known or emerging risks, should be subjected to an increased level of official controls upon introduction into the EU. For such food, the following would apply:

- Particular points of entry shall be designated, (DPEs)
- Food business operators shall give prior notification of the arrival if the Commission has not yet established a list of such food. In the meanwhile, the safeguard measures establishing an increased level of control with regard to certain food commodities remain in place.

A list of the 'high-risk' products, country of origin and the frequency of checks can be found at Annex I of Commission Regulation 294/2012 (see EU std no.54).

Importers and feed and food business operators must pre-notify designated points of entry (DPEs) at least one working day before the physical arrival of the consignment. Article 5 of Regulation 669/2009 requires Member States to maintain and make publicly available an up-to-date list of the DPEs for each of the 'high-risk' products of non-animal origin listed in Annex I of the Regulation .

Note: Up to date products originating from Lebanon do not seem to be listed in Annex 1 however it could involve ingredients used that have been imported from other countries, which are listed.

Other useful links

EU Export Help Desk

<http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/display.htm?page=rt%2f InputForm.html&docType=main&languageId=en>