

TRADER NOTICE

To: Importers and Persons Responsible for Consignments

TN 05/2022: Shelf-stable composite products transported at controlled temperatures

Guidance from the European Commission has indicated that shelf-stable composite products can be imported into the Union using a private attestation and transported at controlled temperatures for quality or technological reasons. The latest update from the Commission of July 2022 updates this position: [ia_ic_composite-prods_gandas.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)

1.11. What is meant by “controlled temperature”?

“Controlled temperature” means that the products have been produced in a way that does not allow their transport and storage at ambient temperature. If the choice is made to transport or store a shelf-stable composite product under controlled temperature, for instance to preserve its quality or for technological reason, such as a transport in liquid form of milk chocolate under hot conditions, and as long as the temperature is not going below 0°C, the requirements for a shelf-stable composite product remain applicable. In such situation, it is important to explain why such controlled temperature is required to clearly distinguish those composite products from non shelf-stable ones. The private attestation could include such a declaration.

The above guidance precludes a frozen composite product being imported using a private attestation as the temperature will, by definition be maintained below 0°C.

All composite products transported at temperatures below 0°C must be accompanied by a health certificate based on the model in Chapter 50 of **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235** and are subject to official controls at the Border Control Post of entry.

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