



Animal Product Imports for Personal Consumption – Guide for Travellers and Passengers

1. General Principles:

- Due to the risk of introducing diseases into the European Union (EU), strict procedures are enforced for the introduction of certain animal products into the EU.
- [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2122](#) lays down rules concerning the introduction of personal consignments of products of animal origin.
- These measures relate to animal products in traveller's personal luggage as well as those sent by mail.
- Passengers travelling from another EU Member State into Ireland are permitted to bring animal products into the country for personal consumption.
- Furthermore, the regulation does not apply to personal consignments from Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino or Switzerland, or in relation to fishery product consignments from the Faroe Islands and Greenland.



Consignment Type	Allowed/ Not Allowed	Weight Allowed	Any exceptions/ specific conditions
Meat, milk and milk or meat products	Not allowed	N/A	< 10kg allowance from the Faeroe Islands or Greenland permitted
Powdered infant milk, infant food and special foods for medical reasons	Allowed	< 10 kg for Faeroe Islands and Greenland < 2kg for other countries	a. the product must not require refrigeration before consumption b. the product must be a packaged proprietary brand product c. the packaging must be unbroken unless in current use
Pet food for medical reasons	Allowed	< 10 kg for Faeroe Islands and Greenland < 2kg for other countries	a. the product must not require refrigeration before consumption b. the product must be a packaged proprietary brand product c. the packaging must be unbroken unless in current use
Fishery products	Allowed	< 20 kg or a single fish (if this weight is higher)	No weight restriction from the Faeroe Islands or Greenland Fresh fish must be eviscerated Includes fresh, dried, cooked, cured or smoked fish, and certain shellfish, such as prawns, lobsters, dead mussels and dead oysters
Other animal products for personal human consumption (e.g. honey, live oysters, live mussels, snails etc.)	Allowed	<10 kg for the Faeroe Islands and Greenland < 2 kg for other countries	
Exempt products (products listed in Annex II of Decision 2007/275/EC)	Allowed	N/A	Exempt products listed in section 2- Must meet the requirements of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC.



2. Exempt animal products:

The following products, as listed in the Annex to Regulation 2021/630, not containing meat and meeting the requirements of Article 3 of that Regulation, are exempt from these rules:

- Bread, cakes, biscuits, waffles and wafers, rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products
- Chocolate and confectionery (including sweets) and other food preparations containing cocoa
- Food supplements packaged for the final consumer containing processed animal products (including glucosamine, chondroitin or chitosan, or both chondroitin and chitosan)
- Olives stuffed with fish
- Pasta, noodles and cous cous not mixed or filled with meat product
- Soup stocks and flavourings packaged for the final consumer
- 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. Roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes, and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof
- Liqueurs and cordials

3. Larger quantities of animal products:

You may only bring in or send to the EU larger quantities of animal products if they meet the requirements for commercial consignments, which include:

- Certification requirements, as laid down in the appropriate official EC veterinary certificate
- The presentation of the goods, with the correct documentation, to an authorised EU border control post for veterinary control, on arrival in the EU.
- For more information see:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/03dfd-brief-guide-to-importing-animal-products-from-third-countries/>

4. Animal products from protected species:

- Consignments from protected species may have additional restrictions in place e.g. caviar from sturgeon species has a maximum weight allowance of 125g per person.

5. Non-conforming personal consignments:

- All animal products not conforming to these rules must be surrendered on arrival in the EU for official disposal. Failure to declare such items may result in a fine or criminal prosecution.

6. Feeding imported animal product personal consignments to animals/fowl:

- Food products imported as personal imports should never be fed to any animals/fowl, either wild or domesticated. Any leftover or unwanted food must be disposed of properly in refuse bins in such a way that it cannot be subsequently consumed by birds or scavenging animals.



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 Faeroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland



STOP the Spread of AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

**DON'T BE A CARRIER OF
THIS DEADLY PIG DISEASE.
NOW IN PARTS OF EUROPE,
ASIA AND AFRICA.**

DON'T

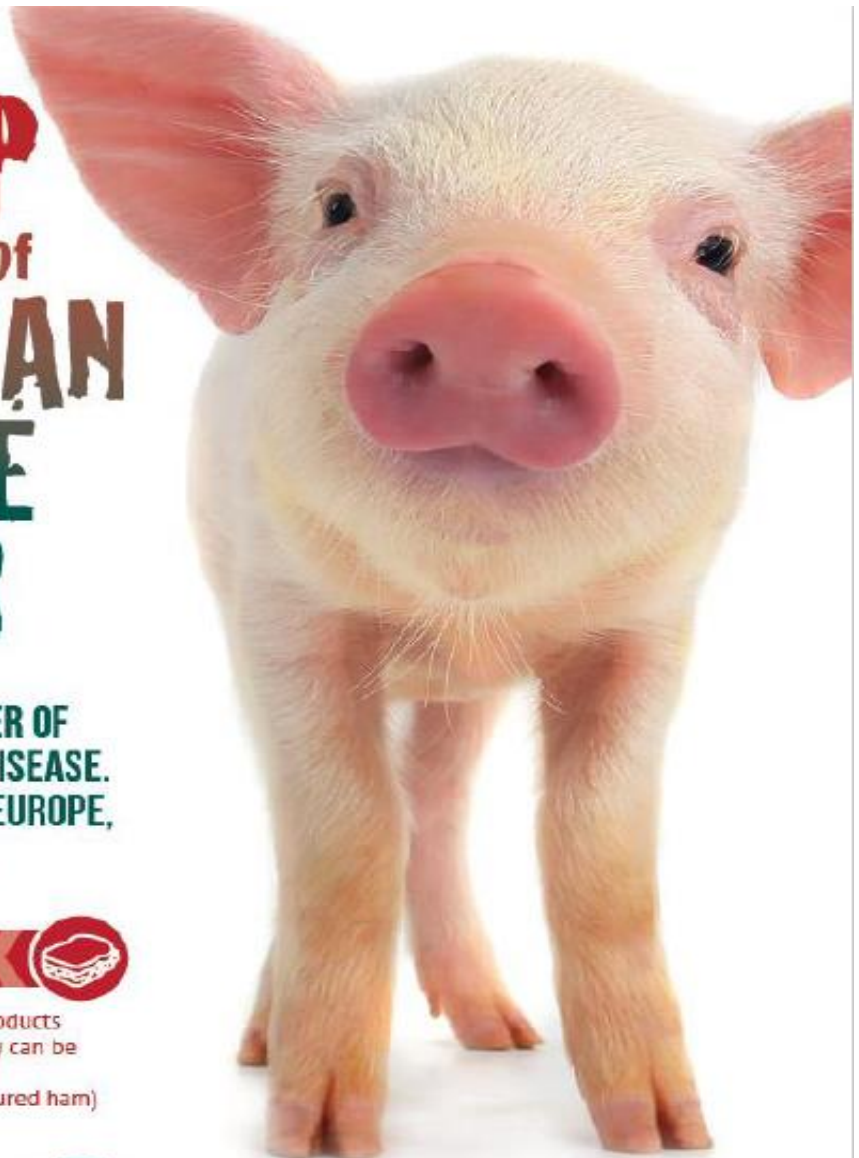


Don't bring pork or pork products onto Irish farms where they can be accidentally eaten by pigs (ham sandwiches, salami, cured ham)

DO



Dispose of food waste carefully in **secure bins** away from animals and farms





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 small quantities for personal consumption from:
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