

### Quotas for imports of Preserved Mushrooms from Third (non-EU) Countries

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) provides quotas for preserved mushrooms of the species *Agaricus* spp. (Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes: 0711 51 00; 2003 10 20; 2003 10 30) that are imported into the European Union (EU) from Third Countries. *Ad valorem* duties are applied at: (a) 12% for products in CN code 0711 51 00, and (b) 23% for products in CN codes 2003 10 20 and 2003 10 30. Table 1 includes the details of the Third Countries, volumes and order numbers of the tariff quotas for the calendar year.

**Table 1.**

Country of Origin	Quota Order Numbers – application period is from 1 January to 31 December	Total Quota (tonnes)
China	Traditional Importers: 09.4157	28,950 tonnes (drained net weight)
	New Importers: 09.4193	
Other Third Countries	Traditional Importers: 09.4158	5,030 tonnes (drained net weight)
	New Importers: 09.4194	

The total quantity allocated to China and other Third Countries will be distributed:

- 95% to traditional importers, and,
- 5% to new importers

All imports under these quotas will require the presentation of an import licence that has been issued by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Licence applications should be submitted, on the prescribed AGRIM import licence application form (refer Appendix 1), to Crop Policy, Production & Safety Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Administration Building, Backweston Campus, Celbridge, Co. Kildare during the first five working days of January.

Please note the following when completing this form:

- The Third Country of origin must be entered in Box 8 and the word ‘yes’ marked with a cross. The import licence will only be valid for imports originating in the indicated Third Country from the date of issue to 31 December of the same year.
- The order number of the quota you are applying for as well as either ‘Traditional Importer’ or ‘New Importer’ as appropriate, must be entered in Box 20.
- The licence application must be accompanied by security at the rate of €40 per tonne of preserved mushrooms (drained net weight).

Cheques should be made payable to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Security can alternatively be lodged by electronic funds transfer (EFT) and any importer who wishes to use this facility should follow the EFT payment procedure (refer Appendix 2). The Department also accepts payments by Credit/Debit card (Visa, Mastercard, Laser).

You will find details of these arrangements in Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1979/2006 as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 113/2008. Commission Regulations (EC) Nos. 1301/2006 and 376/2008 also apply, except as provided for in Regulation (EC) No. 1979/2006, as amended. Copies of EU legislation can be downloaded from the Europa website at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>

To apply for a licence you must be either a **traditional importer** or a **new importer** as defined in Article 4(1) and (2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1979/2006.

**Traditional importers** are importers who can prove that they have imported:

- preserved mushrooms into the EU in at least two of the previous three calendar years, and,

- at least 100 tonnes of any of the processed fruit and vegetable products listed in Appendix 3 during the year preceding their application.

**New importers** are importers other than traditional importers, who have imported into the EU at least 50 tonnes of any of the processed fruit and vegetable products listed in Appendix 3 in each of the previous two years.

Applicants for quota licences must: (1) be registered for VAT in Ireland, and, (2) provide proof of their traditional or new importer status. The information required for verification of Third Country trade shall consist of the customs documents of release for free circulation, duly endorsed by Customs & Excise Division – Office of the Revenue Commissioners, with a reference to the licence applicant as consignee.

Applicants for licences to import preserved mushrooms under quota arrangements may only lodge a single application for the same quota order number.

The total quantity (drained net weight) of preserved mushrooms that are covered by a **traditional importer's** licence application(s) cannot exceed 150% of that importer's reference quantity. 'Reference quantity' is the maximum quantity (drained net weight) of preserved mushrooms imported per calendar year by a traditional importer during one of the last three calendar years.

The total quantity (drained net weight) of preserved mushrooms that are covered by a **new importer's** licence application(s) to import from a certain origin cannot exceed 1% of the total quota quantity for that origin.

Applications for licences to import preserved mushrooms under quota arrangements (with details of the securities paid) may be e-mailed to [Importlicences@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:Importlicences@agriculture.gov.ie) or faxed to (01) 6275994. You can also contact Ms. Margaret Moore (01-5058815) or Ms. Joan Redmond (01-5058785) with any related enquiry.

**Appendix 1 - EUROPEAN COMMUNITY - IMPORT LICENCE (A G R I M)**

Application	1. Agency issuing the licence (name and address)		
	<b>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, IRELAND</b>		
	4. Applicant (name, full address and Member State)		
	7. Exporting Country Compulsory		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	8. Country of Origin		Compulsory <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(1) Net Mass or other unit of measurement indicating unit .	11. Total Amount of Security		
	13. Product to be imported		
	14. Trade denomination		
	15. Description in accordance with the combined Nomenclature (CN)		16. CN Code(s)
	17. Quantity (1) in figures	18. Quantity (1) in words	
20. Special Particulars			

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Place and date:
Applicant's signature:

**Appendix 2 - Protocol for Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) payments to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.**

The Department can accept payment by Electric Fund Transfer (EFT) in accordance with the following protocol only.

1. All payments to be made in Euro.
2. Each EFT payment made must quote your name or your Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine nine digit customer number (e.g. 100987456 or 300987456).  
*This enables the Department to distinguish your payment in our account. Be sure that your bank can accommodate this reference.*
3. Each payment must be followed by remittance notice detailing
  - a. Name and address details.
  - b. Your nine digit customer number (eg. 100987456 or 300987456)
  - c. The date and amount paid into the Department's EFT Account.
  - d. A listing of the specific Department invoice number(s) to which the payment refers. (e.g. 9110000123)  
or
  - e. Where no invoice has issued a detailed description of purpose of the payment.(d) and (e) are required to enable the Department to clear the payment against the correct invoice(s) or for the correct service.
4. Where a payment is to cover a number of different branches of your company (i.e. a number of Department customers) a breakdown of the payment is required giving the details at 3 for each branch.
5. The remittance notice can be sent:

By email to : [eftpayments@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:eftpayments@agriculture.gov.ie)  
or

By mail to : EFT Payments, Cash Office, Accounts Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Government Buildings, Farnham Street, Cavan.  
or

By Fax to : EFT Payment, The Cash Office, Accounts Division, Cavan  
00353 49 4326532

**Note: The Department cannot accept any responsibility for payments made into this account that cannot be identified due to lack of information.**

Should you have any problems please contact: The Cash Office at **353 49 4368254**

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The Department's EFT Bank Details

Bank Details : Bank of Ireland, Main Street, Cavan.

Account Name: BOI Accounts Receivable Account

Account Number: 17183210      Bank Sort Code: 90-32-93

IBAN NO: IE21 BOFI 903293 17183210

BIC NO : BOFIE2D

**Appendix 3 - List of processed fruit and vegetable products referred to in Part X of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007**

Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes.	Description
Ex 0710	Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water) frozen, excluding sweet corn of subheading 0710 40 00, olives of subheading 0710 80 10 and fruits of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> or the genus <i>Pimenta</i> of subheading 0710 80 59
Ex 0711	Vegetables provisionally preserved (e.g., by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, excluding olives of subheading 0711 20, fruits of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> or of the genus <i>Pimenta</i> of subheading 0711 90 10 and sweet corn of subheading 0711 90 30
Ex 0712	Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared, excluding potatoes dehydrated by artificial heat-drying and unfit for human consumption falling within subheading ex 0712 90 05, sweet corn falling within the subheadings ex 0712 90 11 and 0712 90 19 and olives falling within subheading ex 0712 90 90
0804 20 90	Dried figs
0806 20	Dried grapes
ex 0811	Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, excluding frozen bananas falling within subheading ex 0811 90 95
ex 0812	Fruit and nuts, provisionally preserved (for example by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, excluding bananas provisionally preserved falling within subheading ex 0812 90 98
Ex 0813	Fruit, dried, other than that of headings 0801 to 0806; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this chapter excluding mixtures exclusively of nuts of heading 0801 and 0802 falling within subheadings 0813 50 31 and 0813 50 39
0814 00 00	Peel of citrus fruit or melons (including watermelons), fresh, frozen, dried or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions
0904 20 10	Dried sweet peppers, neither crushed nor ground
(b) ex 0811	Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter
ex 1302 20	Pectic substances and pectinates
ex 2001	<p>Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, excluding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> other than sweet peppers or pimentos of subheading 2001 90 20</li> <li>• Sweet corn (<i>Zea mays</i> var. <i>saccharata</i>) of subheading 2001 90 30</li> <li>• Yams, sweet potatoes and similar edible parts of plants containing 5% or more by weight of starch of subheading 2001 90 40</li> <li>• Palm hearts of subheading 2001 90 60</li> <li>• Olives of subheading 2001 90 65</li> <li>• Vine leaves, hop shoots and other similar edible parts of plants</li> </ul>

Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes.	Description
	falling within subheading ex 2001 90 97
2002	Tomatoes prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
2003	Mushrooms and truffles, <b>prepared</b> or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
ex 2004	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than the products of heading 2006, excluding sweet corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> var. <i>saccharata</i> ) of subheading ex 2004 90 10, olives of subheading ex 2004 90 30 and potatoes prepared or preserved in the form of flour, meal or flakes of subheading 2004 10 91
Ex 2005	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than the products of heading 2006, excluding olives of subheading 2005 70, sweetcorn ( <i>Zea mays</i> var. <i>saccharata</i> ) of subheading 2005 80 00 and fruit of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> other than sweet peppers or pimentos of subheading 2005 99 10 and potatoes prepared or preserved in the form of flour, meal or flakes of subheading 2005 20 10
Ex 2006 00	Fruit, nuts fruit-peel and other parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallised), excluding bananas preserved by sugar falling within headings ex 2006 00 38 and 2006 00 99
Ex 2007	Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut purée and fruit or nut pastes, being cooked preparations, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• homogenised preparations of bananas of subheading ex 2007 10</li> <li>• jams, jellies, marmalades, puree or pastes of bananas of subheadings ex 2007 99 39, ex 2007 99 50 and ex 2007 99 97</li> </ul>
Ex 2008	Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included, excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• peanut butter of subheading 2008 11 10</li> <li>• palm hearts of subheading 2008 91 00</li> <li>• maize of subheading 2008 99 85</li> <li>• yams, sweet potatoes and similar edible parts of plants, containing 5% or more by weight of starch of subheading 2008 99 91</li> <li>• vine leaves, hop shoots, and other similar edible parts of plants falling within subheading ex 2008 99 99</li> <li>• mixtures of banana otherwise prepared or preserved of subheadings ex 2008 92 59, ex 2008 92 78, ex 2008 92 93 and ex 2008 92 98</li> <li>• bananas otherwise prepared or preserved of subheadings ex 2008 99 49, ex 2008 99 67 and ex 2008 99 99</li> </ul>
Ex 2009	Fruit juices (excluding grape juice and grape must of subheadings 2009 61 and 2009 69 and banana juice of subheading ex 2009 80) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.