This leaflet provides a simplified overview of the applicable regulations and is for information purposes only. It is not a substitute for the official regulations.

Entering the European Union: Banned and Authorised Foodstuffs

Plant-based products

- Banned from importation
  - potatoes
  - soil and other substrates
  - seeds

The following products are authorised for importation based on certain conditions

- Fruits
  - apples
  - pears, etc.

- Vegetables
  - salads
  - peppers
  - cabbages, etc.

- Certain flowers
  - such as roses,
  - orchids, etc.

They must meet all of the following conditions
- be stored in personal luggage
- be intended for personal consumption
- not pose a health hazard
- not be banned from importation
- small quantities

To obtain more detailed information and avoid committing an offence, consult the following websites,

Contact:
- website
  - www.douane.gouv.fr
  - www.alimentation.gouv.fr
- free application for travellers: douane.fr

Contact our information centre: Infos Douane Service

- From France
  - 0 811 20 44 44
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WHY DO WE HAVE PHYTOSANITARY REGULATIONS?

The current regulations are intended to safeguard the European Union against numerous diseases and parasites harmful to humans, animals and plants.

They apply to all animal or animal-origin foodstuffs, products of animal origin, plant-based foodstuffs, plants and minerals.

Products of animal origin can carry bacteria that can cause infectious diseases

The import of foodstuffs of animal origin is prohibited. This ban is in place to prevent the introduction of infectious diseases, such as foot and mouth disease or the Ebola virus, which are a threat to health security.

All animal products that do not comply with these rules must be relinquished on arrival in the EU for official disposal.

Any undeclared products will be confiscated by the customs services and destroyed and you will have to pay a fine.

Plants and plant-based products are possible vectors of contamination

Certain plants and plant-based products (fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, etc.) are possible vectors of contamination from harmful organisms.

They are therefore subject to a compulsory phytosanitary inspection when they enter the European Union.

There are nevertheless a few exceptions on condition that the imported product meets certain conditions.

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ENTERING THE EUROPEAN UNION: BANNED AND AUTHORISED FOODSTUFFS

Products of animal origin

- The following products are BANNED from importation
  - Meat
    - Standard meats: beef, chicken, lamb, rabbit, pork, etc.
    - Bushmeat: porcupine, monkey, antelope, snake etc.
  - Meat products
    - foie gras
    - pâté
    - terrine
    - kofta meatballs
    - sausage...
  - Milk and dairy products
    - milk
    - cream, butter
    - yoghurt...

For all other products of animal origin, such as honey or snails for example, travellers can import up to a maximum of 2kg into the EU

- Dried or fresh fish
  - Certain crustaceans: prawns, etc.
  - Shellfish: mussels, oysters, etc.

Authorised maximum: 20kg / person