

Quality control

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The task of the Quality control is provide products with satisfactory quality importing them into EU.

Control subject are:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables quality and classification control;
- Quality control of hops;
- Plant protection products;
- Conformity control of seeds;
- Control of a forest reproductive material.

The assessment of fresh fruits and vegetables to conformity and classification requirements

Import to Latvia or to the other EU Member State fresh fruits and vegetables from third countries they must comply with European Union standards, approved by the label on the product packaging.

Control subjects are:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables;
- Mushrooms and nuts

Business operators, at least 24 hours prior notice to the Food and Veterinary Service inspectors of the mentioned products import, either electronically or by fax by sending a Prior notification to First point of introductions (FPI) or Common Entry Document Part I to designated point of entry (DPE) or designated point of import (DPI) [located in ports / railway / post / airport / road.](#)

Inspection fees

Fee is charged on the basis of Point 10, Annex 1 Cabinet regulation No 1083 Adopted 8 October 2013.

EU Regulations:

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations \(EEC\) No 922/72, \(EEC\) No 234/79, \(EC\) No 1037/2001 and \(EC\) No 1234/2007](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 1333/2011 of 19 December 2011 laying down marketing standards for bananas, rules on the verification of compliance with those marketing standards and requirements for notifications in the banana sector](#)

Control of hops and hop products

Subjects of the control are:

- hop cones;
- hop powder and extracts.

EU Legislation:

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations \(EEC\) No 922/72, \(EEC\) No 234/79, \(EC\) No 1037/2001 and \(EC\) No 1234/2007](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1850/2006 of 14 December 2006 laying down detailed rules for the certification of hops and hop products](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1295/2008 of 18 December 2008 on the importation of hops from third countries](#)

Control of Plant Protection Products

Control subjects are chemical and biological plant protection products from third countries.

In Latvia or other MS may import plant protection products which are included in the register of plant protection products. Plant protection products may be imported to and distributed in Latvia by undertakings (companies) which have obtained a special permit (licence) issued by the Plant Protection Service.

Legislation:

[Latvia Republic Legislation](#)

EU legislation:

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 547/2011 of 8 June 2011 implementing Regulation \(EC\) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards labelling requirements for plant protection products](#)

Seed material conformity control

Into Latvia or the other Member State may be introduced certified plant seeds and variety of the material must be included in the European Union common catalog of varieties or the Latvian Catalogue of Plant Varieties. Seeds need proper labeling on their packaging.

Subjects of the control are:

- fodder plant seeds,
- cereal seed,
- vegetable seeds,
- seed of oil and fibre plants.

Legislation:

[Latvia Republic legislation](#)

EU legislation:

[Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed](#)

[Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed](#)

[Council Directive 2002/53/EC of 13 June 2002 on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species](#)

[Council Directive 2002/57/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants](#)

[Council Directive 2002/54/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of beet seed](#)

Control of the forest reproductive material

For import into Latvia forest reproductive material requires authorization of State Forest Service and document of origin issued by official service of exporting country.

Control is subject to:

plants, plant parts and seeds intended for the use of forest regeneration and afforestation and coming from third countries

EU legislation:

[Council Directive 1999/105/EC of 22 December 1999 on the marketing of forest reproductive material](#)

[2005/942/EC: Commission Decision of 21 December 2005 authorising Member States to take decisions under Council Directive 1999/105/EC on assurances afforded in respect of forest reproductive material produced in third countries \(notified under document number C\(2005\) 5485\)](#)

[2008/971/EC: Council Decision of 16 December 2008 on the equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in third countries](#)

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