

To protect people, plants and animals from dangerous infectious diseases, strict rules are set in the European Union, including Latvia, as to the products and goods the traveller may introduce in the territory of the European Union, and the procedure for the introduction thereof.

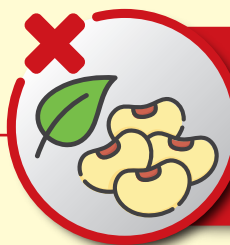
When entering Latvia from a non-European Union country, the goods and products in your personal luggage intended for self-consumption, are subject to strict veterinary, phytosanitary or food safety control at the border crossing post.

## FOOD AND VETERINARY SERVICE

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## OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS



For private individuals it is **PROHIBITED TO INTRODUCE** the following in the European Union

- ✓ all types of food products containing or consisting of Piper beetle plant originating from Bangladesh or dispatched from Bangladesh;
- ✓ all dried beans originating from Nigeria.



Private individuals are **ALLOWED TO INTRODUCE** the following in the European Union without limitations

- ✓ processed products of non-animal origin (for example, food supplements, mineral waters, beverages, etc.);
- ✓ processed products of plant origin (pickles, juices, dried fruits and unshelled nuts, confectionary products, etc.), except for food products referred to in Annex I and II to Regulation 2019/1793\* and where the weight thereof exceeds 30 kg.



## Legislation

- Plant Protection Law.
- Seed and Variety Circulation Law.
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No. 669/2009, (EU) No. 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660.
- Republic of Latvia Cabinet Regulation No. 46 of 21 January 2020 "Requirements and Procedure for the Border Control of Such Food and Materials and Products Intended to Come into Contact with Food to be Introduced from Third Countries, which are Exempt from Official Border Control".
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2122 of 10 October 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain categories of animals and goods exempt from official controls at border control posts, specific controls on passengers' personal luggage and on small consignments of goods sent to natural persons which are not intended to be placed on the market and amending Commission Regulation (EU) No. 142/2011.



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## ITEMS, THE INTRODUCTION

OF WHICH FOR PERSONAL USE IS ALLOWED WHEN ENTERING THE EUROPEAN UNION FROM THIRD COUNTRIES, AND ITEMS SUBJECT TO ENTRY LIMITATIONS

# PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN



**IT IS PROHIBITED TO INTRODUCE**

**Meat, meat products** (fresh meat, smoked meat products, semi-finished meat products, meat products and processed meat and products containing meat or meat products (meat preparations) for example, dumplings, pizza, etc.).

**Milk, milk products** (fresh milk, pasteurised milk, condensed milk, cottage cheese, sour cream, cheese and others).



**ALLOWED TO INTRODUCE**

**Fishery products** (fresh, dried, thermally processed, salted or smoked fish and certain shellfish species, for instance, shrimps, lobsters, non-live mussels and non-live oysters).

**Is allowed to introduce fresh, whole fish and fishery products provided that:**

- ✓ fish has been eviscerated;
- ✓ the weight of fishery products per person does not exceed 20 kg or the weight per fish, whichever is higher.



**ALLOWED TO INTRODUCE**

**For personal use – milk powder for infants, infant food, special food and pet food for medical reasons, on the condition that:**

- ✓ the product does not need to be chilled before use;
- ✓ the product is packaged and company patented;
- ✓ the product packing is not damaged, except, if the respective product is being used;
- ✓ pet food is intended for the pet accompanying its owner;
- ✓ total quantity per person does not exceed 2 kg;
- ✓ total quantity from the Faroe Islands and Greenland does not exceed 10 kg per luggage of one person.

Allowed to introduce products of animal origin in small quantities from Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland.

- Other products of animal origin (eggs, honey and other) or products containing raw materials of animal origin – if the total weight of the products does not exceed 2 kg per one person.
- Products of animal origin of endangered species: for caviar of sturgeon species, the entry weight limit is a maximum of 125 grams per person. Additional restrictions may apply for certain endangered species\*.

# PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS



For private individuals it is **PROHIBITED TO INTRODUCE** the following in the European Union

- ✓ quarantine organisms (pests, diseases and disease agents);
- ✓ plants of selected genus and species intended for planting\*\*;
- ✓ potatoes;
- ✓ soil, growing medium, except for clean peat and coconut fibres;
- ✓ biological and chemical plant protection products.



Private individuals are **ALLOWED TO INTRODUCE** the following in the European Union

**With a phytosanitary certificate issued by the country of dispatch:**

- ✓ plants of various genus intended for planting\*;
- ✓ seeds for sowing;
- ✓ fresh, unprocessed plant products (fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc.), inter alia, shelled nuts.



Private individuals are **ALLOWED TO INTRODUCE** the following in the European Union

**Without a phytosanitary certificate:**

- ✓ bananas, durians, coconuts, dates and pineapples.

\* Please consult the FVS Border Control Department regarding introduction of specific goods in the personal luggage.

\*\* Annex VI and Annex IX to Regulation 2019/2072.

Annex I to Regulation 2018/2019/EU.

Annex I to Decision 2015/789/EU.

It is prohibited to introduce plants referred to in Annex I to Decision 2015/789/EU from countries not declared as free from bacteria *Xylella fastidiosa*.