

Import into Austria of products of animal origin by tourists

Conditions in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 206/2009 applicable since 1 May 2009

Foot and Mouth Disease, Avian Influenza and other animal diseases represent a constant threat to the European Union's agriculture and economy. In the past, meat, meat products and milk products imported by tourists without checks, time and again were the cause for outbreaks of animal diseases. For this reason, uniform conditions apply throughout the EU!

Taking along food and other goods without checks by a border veterinarian:

1. Unless there is a prohibition in force for animal disease reasons, **small quantities of all food and composite products** may be carried along in the personal luggage for personal consumption by tourists travelling from other EU Member states and the third countries of Andorra, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and Vatican City.
2. Tourists travelling from the Faroes, Greenland and Iceland to Austria are allowed to take along **a combined maximum of 10 kg** of meat and meat products from bovine, ovine or caprine animals, pigs, horses, poultry or game, as well as milk and dairy products in their personal luggage for personal consumption.

WARNING

Meat and meat products, milk and milk products and products containing meat, meat products, milk or dairy products as well as pet food containing meat or dairy products must not be imported into the EU in personal luggage from countries not mentioned under 1 or 2 UNLESS SUBJECTED TO CHECKS BY A BORDER VETERINARIAN.

3. **Tourists travelling from any third country may take along a combined maximum of 2 kg** dairy products for infants, infant food and special foods required for medical reasons, under the conditions that these products are packaged proprietary brand products and the foods do not require refrigeration.
A combined maximum of 10 kg of these goods may be taken along from the Faroes, Greenland and Iceland.
4. **Tourists travelling from any third country may take along a combined maximum of 2 kg** special pet foods required for medical reasons, under the conditions that these products are packaged proprietary brand products and the pet foods do not require refrigeration.
A combined maximum of 10 kg of these goods may be taken along from the Faroes, Greenland and Iceland.

5. The following products may be taken along in the personal luggage for personal consumption or use from any third country:
- **A maximum of up to 2 kg each** of table eggs, honey, honey products, beeswax, Royal Jelly, Propolis, pollen and products thereof. This applies also to small parcels without commercial purpose to private persons;
 - fishery and aquaculture products up to **a maximum of 20 kg** or one whole fish. This applies also to small parcels without commercial purpose to private persons;
 - olives stuffed with fish, and
 - any other food products containing less than 50 % of processed animal products but which must not contain fresh or processed meat, raw fish or milk or dairy products;
 - canned pet food or dried pet food, hay and straw, if these products are imported by tourists or at the occasion of changing residence, in appropriate quantities for the purpose of feeding to animals transported together;
 - game trophies of other animals than ungulates or birds;
 - ornamental feathers or feathers carried by travellers for their private use or imported in the form of consignments sent to private individuals for non-commercial purposes;
 - leather and hides having undergone the complete process of tanning;

You will find further information on the website of the BMF (Federal Ministry of Finance) at the following internet address (available only in German language):

<https://www.bmf.gv.at/zoll/reise/einfuhrverbote-einfuhrbeschraenkungen/mengenbegrenzungen-lebensmittel.html>

Please bear also in mind that there may be import bans or restrictions applicable due to other EU or national legislation, e.g. protection of endangered species (CITES), or financial legislation.

Information on customs legislation is available from the Federal Ministry of Finance on their website at: <https://www.bmf.gv.at/> under the reference "Findok" and "Zoll" (customs).

Information pertaining to the protection of endangered species is available from the website of the Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism at:

<https://www.bmnt.gv.at/umwelt/natur-artenschutz/cites.html>

Summary table:

Further information under point		EU-Member state	Third country with specific rules		Any third country
			Andorra, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland, Vatican City state	Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland	
1.	food	small quantity	small quantity	small quantity	0
2.	meat, milk meat products dairy products	small quantity	small quantity	10 kg	0
3.	infant food food for medical reasons	small quantity	small quantity	10 kg	2 kg
4.	pet food for medical reasons	small quantity	small quantity	10 kg	2 kg
5.	fish	small quantity	small quantity	20 kg	20 kg
5.	honey table eggs, etc.	small quantity	small quantity	10 kg	2 kg
5.	pet food containing meat or milk	small quantity	small quantity	10 kg	0

Further information:

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