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**amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 as regards the private attestation requirements of the composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts, and the inclusion of certain cereal products, prepared or preserved vegetables, fruits, nuts, sauces, condiments, seasonings, and confectionery in the list of exempted composite products**

(Text with EEA relevance)

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### 1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Regulation (EU) 2017/625<sup>1</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council on Official Controls (OCR) establishes the framework for official controls and other official activities to verify the correct application of Union agri-food chain legislation. This includes official controls performed on animals and goods entering the Union from third countries.

Article 48 point (h) of the OCR provides that certain categories of animals and goods referred to in Article 47(1) of the OCR coming from third countries may be exempted from official controls at border control posts.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292<sup>2</sup> lays down requirements for consignments of composite products, including provisions for private attestations. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/637<sup>3</sup> amending Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 established a derogation from private attestation for the entry into the Union of composite products that do not contain any processed product of animal origin other than gelatine capsules not derived from ruminant bones. Therefore it is necessary to align provisions of Article 3 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630<sup>4</sup> regarding private attestation with the provisions of Article 22 in Regulation (EU) 2022/2292.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 exempts certain composite products from official controls at border control posts. The purpose of this Regulation is to extend the list of these low risk, shelf-stable, composite products that are exempted from official controls at border control posts in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 by including products obtained from cereals, such as popcorn, corn sticks and puffs, prepared or preserved vegetables, fruits, nuts and other edible parts of plants containing honey as the only ingredient of animal origin, sauces containing oyster or fish extracts, sauces and preparations therefor, condiments and seasonings containing honey as the only ingredient of animal origin, and sweets, gums and the like containing synthetic sweetening agents instead of sugar. These composite products should be controlled by the competent authorities at the place of destination, at the point of release for free circulation in the Union, or at the warehouses or the premises of the operator responsible for the consignment.

### 2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Commission Expert Group "official controls" (E00911) was consulted at several occasions.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 of 6 September 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption (OJ L 304, 24.11.2022, p. 1, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_del/2022/2292/2023-12-18](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/2292/2023-12-18)).

<sup>3</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/637 of 29 January 2025 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 as regards the requirements for the entry into the Union of certain dairy products, certain food additives derived from animals, collagen casings, minced meat, meat preparations, mechanically separated meat and composite products containing gelatine capsules (OJ L, 2025/637, 29.4.2025, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_del/2025/637/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2025/637/oj)).

<sup>4</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 of 16 February 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain categories of goods exempted from official controls at border control posts and amending Commission Decision 2007/275/EC (OJ L 132, 19.4.2021, p. 17, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_del/2021/630/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/630/oj)).

No impact assessment has been carried out. This Regulation is not expected to have any significant impact since it extends the list of composite products that are already exempted from official controls at border control posts.

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The legal basis is Article 48 point (h) and Article 77(1), point (k) Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 48, point (h), and Article 77(1), point (k), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630<sup>2</sup> establishes the list of shelf-stable composite products that are exempted from official controls at border control posts.
- (2) Article 22 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292<sup>3</sup> lays down certain requirements as regards the private attestation to be presented by food business operators for consignments of shelf-stable composite products entering the Union from third countries or regions thereof. Since Article 1, point (5), of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/637<sup>4</sup> amended Article 22 of Delegated Regulation (EU)

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2022/2292 by introducing a derogation from private attestation for the entry into the Union of composite products that do not contain any processed product of animal origin other than gelatine capsules not derived from ruminant bones, it is necessary to amend Article 3(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 to align it with Article 22 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292.

- (3) Since the shelf-stable composite products under Combined Nomenclature codes 1904 10, 1904 20, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2008 19, 2008 99, 2103 and 2106 in the form of certain cereal products, such as popcorn, corn sticks and puffs, potato chips and crisps suitable for immediate consumption, prepared or preserved vegetables, fruits, nuts and other edible parts of plants containing honey as the only ingredient of animal origin, sauces containing oyster or fish extracts, sauces and preparations therefor, condiments and seasonings containing honey as the only ingredient of animal origin, and sweets, gums and the like containing synthetic sweetening agents instead of sugar pose a low risk to human and animal health, these products should also be exempted from official controls at border control posts.
- (4) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 should therefore be amended accordingly,
- HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### *Article 1*

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 is amended as follows:

1. in Article 3, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
  - ‘2. Shelf-stable composite products referred to in paragraph 1, point (a), shall comply with the requirements for private attestation laid down in Article 22 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292.’;
2. the Annex is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

#### *Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27.4.2026

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*

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mechanically separated meat and composite products containing gelatine capsules (OJ L, 2025/637, 29.4.2025, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_del/2025/637/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2025/637/oj)).