

Import requirements for meat and dairy products to Iceland from 3rd countries (outside the EEA)

EEA food legislation aims to ensure a safe food supply to all consumers by applying the same standards of food safety to all products regardless of origin. Food products of animal origin that are to be imported to the EEA from third countries shall meet the following conditions:

1. The product shall be produced in an EU-approved establishment and labelled with the EU approval number.
2. An original copy of the applicable health certificate for import into EU, issued by the competent authority in the exporting country (or a captain's declaration when landing from a third-country vessel) must accompany the consignment.
3. The import shall be notified in [Traces](#) with at least a 24-hour notice before the arrival of the consignment to the relevant BCP. The importer is responsible for the notification but may seek the help of their courier.
4. The consignment must be presented at [an approved border control post \(BCP\)](#).
5. The importer is responsible for the import costs according to the MAST tariff.

In addition to the above mentioned requirements set forth in the EU food legislation, products of animal origin must meet the conditions according to [regulation no. 1250/2019](#) on measures to prevent the introduction of animal diseases and contaminated products to Iceland.

These guidelines regarding the specific requirements according to Icelandic legislation apply to the following categories:

- A. Unprocessed raw meat products
- B. Processed raw meat products
- C. Cooked meat products
- D. Dairy products
- E. Egg products

A. Unprocessed raw meat products (CN codes 0202, 0203, 0204, 0207, 0208)

1. **A MAST import permit.** An import permit must be applied for in advance, by e-mail (mast@mast.is) with the following information:
 - a. Importer in Iceland; full name and address and "kennitala".
 - b. Producer; full name and address.
 - c. The EU approval number of the producer (establishment).
 - d. Name/type of meat product to be imported.

The permit application is evaluated by MAST and in some cases a special risk assessment must be made. Once the import permit has been issued, the products can be imported (the import permit must only be applied for once).
2. Unprocessed raw meat products must have been **frozen** (-18°C) for at least 30 days when imported. This must be confirmed by a statement issued by the producer. The statement must accompany the consignment.
3. Unprocessed raw meat products must have been tested for **Salmonella spp.** with negative results. This must be confirmed by a certificate or laboratory results from an approved laboratory. The certificate / laboratory results must accompany the consignment.
4. A copy of an itemized invoice must accompany the consignment.

B. Processed raw meat products such as cured or dried ham (CN 0210, 1601, 1602)

1. **A MAST import permit.** An import permit must be applied for in advance, by e-mail (mast@mast.is) with the following information:
 - a. Importer; full name and address.
 - b. Producer; full name and address.
 - c. The EU approval number of the producer (establishment).
 - d. Name/type of meat product to be imported.The permit application is evaluated by MAST and in some cases a special risk assessment must be made. Once the import permit has been issued, the products can be imported (the import permit must only be applied for once).
2. Processed raw meat products must have a **pH value less than 6,0 and an aw value less than 0,93**. This must be confirmed by a statement issued by the producer. The statement must accompany the consignment.
3. A copy of an itemized invoice must accompany the consignment.

C. Cooked meat products

Also applies to products such as pizza, pasta, baked goods containing meat (and dairy).

1. A MAST import permit is **not** required for cooked meat products.
2. Cooked meat products must have been **cooked for at least 15 seconds at 72°C**. This must be confirmed by a statement issued by the producer. The statement must accompany the consignment.
3. A full itemized invoice must accompany the consignment.
4. This applies also to products such as pizza, pasta, baked goods containing meat/cheese

D. Dairy products

1. **RAW** milk or milk products: **A MAST import permit.** An import permit must be applied for in advance, by e-mail (mast@mast.is) with the following information:
 - a. Importer in Iceland; full name and address and "kennitala".
 - b. Producer; full name and address.
 - c. The EU approval number of the producer (establishment).
 - d. Name/type of meat product to be imported.

The permit application is evaluated by MAST and in some cases a special risk assessment must be made. Once the import permit has been issued, the products can be imported (the import permit must only be applied for once).
2. A MAST import permit is **not** required for pasteurized dairy products.
3. Dairy products must be *either*
 - a. **Pasteurized.** This must be confirmed by a statement issued by the producer. The statement must accompany the consignment.
or heat treated according to the following:
 - b. If the dairy product is produced from non-pasteurized milk i.e. Parmesan cheese: the cheese curd must have been heat treated at least to 48°C, the product stored for at least 6 months at a temperature not lower than 10 °C with a humidity less than 36%. This must be confirmed by a statement issued by the producer. The statement must accompany the consignment.
4. A copy of an itemized invoice must accompany the consignment.

E. Eggs and egg products

1. **RAW** eggs or egg products: **A MAST import permit**. An import permit must be applied for in advance, by e-mail (mast@mast.is) with the following information:
 - e. Importer in Iceland; full name and address and “kennitala”.
 - f. Producer; full name and address.
 - g. The EU approval number of the producer (establishment).
 - h. Name/type of meat product to be imported.

The permit application is evaluated by MAST and in some cases a special risk assessment must be made. Once the import permit has been issued, the products can be imported (the import permit must only be applied for once).
2. Raw eggs must have undergone testing for Salmonella spp. In accordance with EC regulation No. [1688/2005](#). A laboratory report indicating negative results must be submitted. The report must be clearly traceable to the consignment.
3. **Heat treated** eggs or egg products: A MAST import permit is **not** required for heat treated eggs or egg products. Eggs and egg products must be heat treated for 5 minutes at 65°C or have received other comparable treatment as per MAST assessment. This must be confirmed by a statement issued by the producer. The statement must accompany the consignment.
4. A copy of an itemized invoice must accompany the consignment.

The importation of animal products originating from countries outside the EU/EEA that have undergone border control at another EEA country before being imported to Iceland:

The products/consignments must be notified to MAST upon import to Iceland. This is done by submitting an application in the [MAST portal](#) (þjónustugátt), application no. 4.33 for raw meat/meat products and 4.32 for other animal products. The importing party must be registered in Iceland and have an Icelandic “kennitala”