



Guide 1 – Produce from areas possibly affected by Radiation from Chernobyl Incident

Which products are controlled by the regulations?

Fruits of the Forest, genus *Vaccinium* (cranberries, bilberries, cowberries etc) and Wild mushrooms (uncultivated) are covered as well as products containing these.

The unprocessed product is covered by CN Codes:

Mushrooms		Fruit of the Forest	
0709 59	2001 90 50	0810 40	
0710 80 69	2003 90 00	0811 90 50	
0711 59 00		0811 90 70	
0712 39 00		0812 90 40	

Note:- Composite products may bear a different code.



Which areas are subject to controls?

Product from the following areas area controlled

Albania	Montenegro
Belarus	Norway
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Romania
Bulgaria	Russia
Croatia	Serbia
Liechtenstein	Switzerland
Fmr. Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Turkey
Moldova	Ukraine

Why are there emergency Controls on these products?

These products are controlled because they are at high risk of radiocaesium contamination following the Chernobyl incident

What effect does Radiocaesium have on health?

Ingestion of food that is contaminated with radiocaesium increases the risk of developing cancer.

How can I import products from the affected areas?

For Mushrooms certification is required in the format laid out in EC 1635/2006 to demonstrate that the appropriate testing has been carried out. Fruits of the Forest are required to comply with the maximum levels of contamination laid out in Council Regulation 737/90. Sampling may be carried out to ensure that the product complies with the legislation, port health may charge for this.

Where can I Import these Goods?

The following ports are able to process imports of mushrooms:-

Belfast International Airport, Port of Belfast, Port of Falmouth, Port of Felixstowe, Gatwick Airport, Port of Hull and Goole, Port of London, Port of Southampton, Glasgow Prestwick Airport, Manchester Airport

What options are available should a consignment arrive without the required certification?

If a consignment arrives without the documentation required, it will not be permitted entry in the EU. You will be permitted to return the goods or to destroy them, at your own cost.

What happens if my consignment is non-compliant?

Where maximum permitted levels are exceeded – Port Health Authorities/ Local Authorities can serve a notice ordering the destruction or return to the country of origin of the consignment.

What legislation controls imports?

EU Law

Council Regulation (EC) 737/90

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1609/2000

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1635/2006

Domestic Law

England

The Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2007 (SI No. 3185)

Wales

The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2007 Welsh SI No. 3294

Northern Ireland

The Official Feed and Food Controls Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. No. 482)

Scotland

The Official Feed and Food Controls (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI No. 552)



Where can I get further information?

Contact Port Health, your local Environmental Health department or the Food Standards Agency Imported Food Division for more information.