



Guide 10 – Importation of Rice from the USA

Which products are controlled by the regulations?

Rice products covered by the following CN Codes are affected:

rice in the husk, parboiled Long A	1006 10 25	semi-milled Parboiled rice Long B	1006 30 27
rice in the husk parboiled Long B	1006 10 27	semi-milled rice Long A	1006 30 46
rice in the husk other than parboiled Long A	1006 10 96	semi-milled rice Long B	1006 30 48
rice in the husk other than parboiled Long B	1006 10 98	wholly milled Parboiled rice Long A	1006 30 65
husked (brown) rice Parboiled Long A	1006 20 15	wholly milled Parboiled rice Long B	1006 30 67
husked (brown) rice Parboiled Long B	1006 20 17	wholly milled rice Long A	1006 30 96
husked (brown) rice Long A	1006 20 96	wholly milled rice Long B	1006 30 98
husked (brown) rice Long B	1006 20 98	broken rice (unless it is certified as not obtained from Long-grain)	1006 40 00
semi-milled Parboiled rice Long A	1006 30 25		

Which areas are subject to controls?

Products from the United States of America (USA) are controlled.

Why are there emergency Controls on these products?

These products are controlled because there is a risk that the product may have been contaminated with Genetically Modified Rice 'LL RICE 601'.



How can I import products from the affected areas?

Consignments must be accompanied by an original analytical report based on a suitable and validated method for detection of genetically modified rice 'LL RICE 601' and issued by an accredited laboratory accompanying the consignment demonstrates that the product does not contain genetically modified rice 'LL RICE 601'.

What options are available should a consignment arrive without an analytical report?

Testing may be carried out at the importers cost to demonstrate compliance.

What happens if my consignment is non-compliant?

If the consignment is found to be non-compliant 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

Commission Decision 2006/601/EC as amended by Commission Decision 2006/754/EC

Domestic Law

England

The Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (England) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No. 2921)

Wales

The Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Wales) Regulations 2006
Welsh SI No. 2923 (W.260)

Northern Ireland

The Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006 No. 443)

Scotland

The Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Regulations 2006
(SSI 2006 No. 542)

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.