



## **Guide 8 – Importation of Palm Oil, Hot Chilli and Hot Chilli Products**

### ***Which products are controlled by the regulations?***

The regulations apply to

**Hot Chilli & Hot Chilli products** intended for human consumption:

- Fruits of genus *Capsicum*, dried and crushed or ground, in whatever form
- Curry powder**, in whatever form (as it contains chilli).
- Paprika**, *Curcuma (turmeric)* dried and crushed or ground, in whatever form, intended for human consumption.

**Palm oil** intended for direct human consumption only

The product is covered by the following CN Codes:

0904 20 90	0910 30
0910 50	1511 10 90

Note:- Fresh or whole dried chillies are not covered.  
Composite products may bear a different code.



### ***Which areas are subject to controls?***

Products from all third countries (outside the EU) are controlled.

### ***Why are there emergency Controls on these products?***

These products are controlled because they are at high risk of contamination with illegal dyes. Sudan I, Sudan II, Sudan III and Scarlet Red (Sudan IV) have all been identified as potential contaminants. These dyes are not intended for food use and are red dyes that are used for industrial purposes such as colouring solvents, oils, waxes, petrol, and shoe and floor polishes. Sudan dyes have been identified as a genotoxic carcinogen and can cause cancer by reacting to genetic material.

### ***How can I import products from the affected areas?***

An analytical report demonstrating that the consignment does not contain Sudan I,II,III or IV dyes is required.

There should be some way to cross reference the consignment with the analytical report, such as labelling.

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

Port health can serve a notice to have the product destroyed.

The importer can have the products tested at the public analyst laboratory. The product will be detained pending laboratory results. The analysis, storage or destruction have to be paid for by the importer.

### ***What happens if my consignment is non-compliant?***

Where Sudan Dye is detected in a consignment – 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 2005/402/EC

#### **Domestic Law**

#### **England**

Declaration under Regulation 33 of The Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2007 (SI No. 3185)

#### **Wales**

Declaration under Regulation 33 of The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2007 Welsh SI No. 3294

#### **Northern Ireland**

Declaration under Regulation 33 of The Official Feed and Food Controls Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. No. 482)

#### **Scotland**

Declaration under Regulation 33 of 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.