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**Report Name:** EU Launches Consultation on Composite Food Products  
Exempt from Official Checks at EU Borders

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 5, 2021, the European Commission launched a public consultation on the establishment of a list of composite products that are exempt from border checks when the public and animal health risk is considered minimal. Interested stakeholders have until February 2, 2021 to participate in the consultation.

## Background

### Composite Products:

[Commission Decision 2007/275/EC](#) defines composite products as foodstuffs intended for human consumption that contain processed products of animal origin and ingredients of plant origin. Composite products include a wide variety of products, including cheesecakes, high protein food supplements, pizza, and lasagnas. Many of these products entering the EU from countries outside are subject to border checks, but exemptions can apply. [Commission Decision 2007/275/EC](#) contains the list of composite products which are currently exempted from official controls at border control posts upon entry into the Union.

The new requirements for entry into the Union of composite products laid down in [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/625](#), which will apply from 21 April 2021, will be no longer based on the quantities of processed products of animal origin (expressed in percentage of ingredients of the composite product), but rather on the risk linked to the composite product itself.

The new system that is scheduled to go into effect on April 21, 2021 establishes three categories of composite products: (1) non shelf stable composite products, (2) shelf stable composite products that contain meat products and (3) shelf stable composite products that do not contain meat products. All processed products of animal origin have to be sourced from EU approved establishments. The EU will continue to require composite product certificates for all non-shelf stable products (category 1) and for shelf stable composite products with a meat ingredient (category 2). A company private attestation will be required for shelf stable products not containing meat (category 3). Provided the public and animal health risk is considered minimal, a subset of category 3 products will be exempted from border checks.

As the new requirements for entry of composite products are no longer based on the quantities of processed products of animal origin, but rather on the risk linked to the composite product itself, it is necessary to establish a new list of certain shelf-stable composite products not containing processed meat exempted from official controls at border control posts

### Public Consultation:

[http://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/isc-2020-13054\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/isc-2020-13054_en)

The purpose of this Regulation is to lay down cases and conditions under which certain low risk shelf-stable composite products not containing processed meat should be exempt from official controls at border control posts. In its proposal, the European Commission included the new list of products that will be exempt of border controls. Feedback will be taken into account to finalize the list.

U.S. Stakeholders who would like to comment can do so at the following page:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12482-List-of-composite-products-exempted-from-official-controls-at-border-control-posts/addFeedback?p\\_id=18238693](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12482-List-of-composite-products-exempted-from-official-controls-at-border-control-posts/addFeedback?p_id=18238693)

The deadline for input is 12:00 a.m. Brussels (Universal Time Coordinated + 01:00) on February 2, 2021. All comments provided through this consultation process may be released as public information.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.