

# Working with a practical tool for identifying EU market access rules for agri-food products

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# 1. EU market access requirements for agri-food products

## EU AGRI – FOOD MARKET ACCESS RULES

I. Agricultural products & fishery / aquaculture products - CMO

II. Technical rules (incl. food safety)

Production methods (e.g. quick-frozen products, ionising radiation, GMOs)

Food for specific target groups / purposes (e.g. dietary products, baby food,...)

Additives, flavourings,...

Rules for specific food products (vegetable oils, wine, honey, chocolate,...)

Hygiene rules (general rules + specific rules for animal based foodstuffs)

Contaminants (incl. MRLs for pesticides and veterinary medicinal products)

III. Labelling rules

General labelling rules

Labelling rules for specific products

Protected indications

IV. Packaging materials

Prepacked products

Packaging and packaging waste

Food contact materials (e.g. plastic, ceramics,...)

EU market access rules  
for (processed) foodstuffs

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2. Identifying relevant product rules by  
using a checklist

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Checklist "Acquis communautaire": agri-food products (\*)

List of subjects

I. Common organisation of agricultural markets and markets in fishery and aquaculture products in the EU

I.1. Common organisation of agricultural markets

I.2. Common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products

II. Technical requirements for producing and selling foodstuffs in the EU

II.1. Production methods

- II.1.1. Quick-frozen foodstuffs
- II.1.2. Ionising radiation treatment
- II.1.3. Novel foods or novel food ingredients - GMOs

II.2. Foodstuffs intended for particular purposes or target groups

- II.2.1. Foodstuffs intended for particular nutritional purposes
- II.2.2. Foodstuffs intended for use in energy-restricted diets for weight reduction
- II.2.3. Dietary foods for special medical purposes
- II.2.4. Cereal-based foods and baby foods for infants and young children
- II.2.5. Infant formulae and follow-on formulae
- II.2.6. Gluten-free foodstuffs
- II.2.7. Food supplements
- II.2.8. Adding vitamins or minerals to foods

II.3. Additives, flavourings, food enzymes and extraction solvents

- II.3.1. Additives
- II.3.2. Flavourings
- II.3.3. Food enzymes
- II.3.4. Extraction solvents

(\*) This checklist is a tool which can be used for analysing and identifying relevant EU agri-food rules for any product after attending a training course on this subject which can be delivered by VOKA – CCI Antwerp-Waasland

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II.4. Production of specific foodstuffs

- II.4.1. Fats, meats
  - II.4.1.1. Edible oils or fats
  - II.4.1.2. Identification and labelling of beef and veal

II.4.2. Milk derivatives

- II.4.2.1 Edible caseins or caseinates
- II.4.2.2. Partly or wholly dehydrated milk

II.4.3. Sugars, honey

- II.4.3.1. Cocoa and chocolate
- II.4.3.2. Honey
- II.4.3.3. Fruit jams, jellies, marmalades or chestnut purée
- II.4.3.4. Sugars

II.4.4. Beverages

- II.4.4.1. Natural mineral waters
- II.4.4.2. Drinking water
- II.4.4.3. Fruit juices and similar products

II.4.5. Coffee and chicory extracts

II.5. Hygiene of foodstuffs and other health aspects

II.5.1. Hygiene package

- II.5.1.1. General principles of food law – European - European Food Safety Authority - Procedures for food safety
- II.5.1.2. New regime relating to food hygiene
- II.5.1.3. Official feed and food controls

II.5.2. Foodstuffs with ingredients of animal origin

- II.5.2.1. Specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin
- II.5.2.2. Official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption
- II.5.2.3. Animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption

II.6. Food contaminants

- II.6.1. Maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs
- II.6.2. Maximum pesticide limits and residue levels of veterinary medicinal products

- II.6.2.1. Maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin
- II.6.2.2. Maximum limits for residues of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin

III. Labelling requirements for producing or selling foodstuffs in the EU

III.1. General labelling requirements

- III.1.1. General EU rules about labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs
- III.1.2. Identification of prepacked foodstuffs by lot
- III.1.3. Nutrition values
- III.1.4. Nutrition or health claims

III.2. Specific labelling requirements for certain foodstuffs (see also II.4.)

- III.2.1. Alcoholic drinks
- III.2.2. Milk or milk products
- III.2.3. Foodstuffs or food ingredients containing GMOs
- III.2.4. Foodstuffs containing quinine or caffeine

III.3. Labelling rules related to specific indications

- III.3.1. Geographical indications and designations of origin / traditional specialities
- III.3.2. Organic production of foodstuffs or agricultural products

IV. Packaging requirements

IV.1. Prepacked products in predetermined quantities

- IV.1.1. Nominal quantities for prepacked products
- IV.1.2. Making-up by weight or by volume of certain prepacked products

IV.2. Packaging and packaging waste

- IV.2.1. Packaging waste

IV.3. Materials and articles intended to come into a direct contact with foodstuffs

- IV.3.1. Framework legislation - GMP
- IV.3.2. Plastic materials and articles intended for the packaging of foodstuffs
- IV.3.3. Ceramic objects in contact with foodstuffs
- IV.3.4. Materials and articles in regenerated cellulose film
- IV.3.5. Active and intelligent materials and articles
- IV.3.6. Epoxy derivatives
- IV.3.7. Release of N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances from elastomer or rubber teats and soothers

### II.3. Additives, flavourings, food enzymes and extraction solvents

#### II.3.1. Additives

II.3.1.1. Your company's products or ingredients contain additives? Yes  No   
(Reg.(EC) 1333/2008, Reg. (EC) 1331/2008, Reg. (EU) 231/2012)

- No.
- Yes, my company knows the European legal rules in this field and disposes of the relevant legal texts (EU law and/or transposition into national legislation).
- My company is:  already implementing these rules  
 did not yet start implementing these rules

#### II.3.2. Flavourings

II.3.2.1. Your company's products or ingredients contain flavourings? Yes  No   
(Reg.(EC) 1334/2008, Reg. (EC) 1331/2008, Reg. (EU) 872/2012)

If yes, is the company aware of the EU rules in this field (see ref. no. above)?

- No.
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# 3. Examples

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# EXPORTING VEGETABLE OIL TO THE EU

## PRODUCT = 1 L RAPESEED OIL IN PLASTIC BOTTLE



### Requirements (EU product rules) – Summary list

Which relevant topics can we find by looking at this course / checklist and verify also product requirements for a relevant HS-code at <https://trade.ec.europa.eu/access-to-markets/en/home>?

II.4.1.1. Edible oils – Verify maximum level of erucic acid !

II.5.1. Hygiene (registered company, HACCP, ...)

II.6.1. Food Contaminants – Verify maximum levels for PAHs !

II.6.2.1. MRLs for pesticides (to be verified – see in previous slide)

III.1.1. Labelling - general mandatory labelling requirements

III.1.2. Labelling - traceability (identification of prepacked foodstuffs by lot)

III.1.3. Labelling - table with nutrition values

III.2.3. Labelling - only authorized GMOs

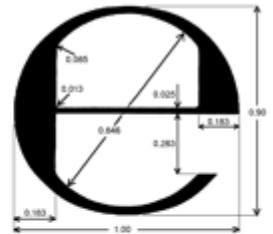
III.3.2. Labelling - voluntary (Organic production of foodstuffs or agricultural products)

IV.1.2. Packaging - prepacked products (making-up by weight or by volume – EEC Mark !)

IV.2.1. Packaging waste (registration by importer at packaging waste organization)

IV.3.1. Packaging - food contact materials (framework legislation)

IV.3.2. Packaging - food contact materials (plastic materials: !! Declaration of Conformity from supplier)



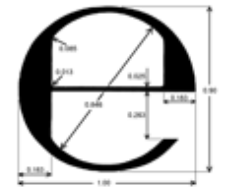
# Exporting honey to the EU



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- I.1. Common organisation of agricultural markets - **apiculture products**
- II.4.3.2. Honey - labelling and composition rules
- II.5. Hygiene (**HACCP, Health certificate!,...**)
- II.6.1. Food Contaminants – **Verify maximum levels for lead !**
- II.6.2.1. MRLs for pesticides (**See EU Pesticides database**)
- II.6.2.2. MRLs for veterinary medicinal products (**See Annex of Reg. (EU) 37/2010**)
- III.1.1. Labelling - general **mandatory labelling requirements**
- III.1.2. Labelling - traceability (**identification of prepacked foodstuffs by lot**)
- III.1.3. Labelling - table with **nutrition values**
- III.3.2. Labelling – voluntary (**organic production of foodstuffs or agricultural products**)
- IV.1.2. Packaging - prepacked products (**making-up by weight or by volume - EEC mark !**)
- IV.2.1. Packaging waste (**Registration at packaging waste system!**)
- IV.3.1. Packaging - food contact materials - framework legislation (**check type of material used: glass? plastic?**)





Thank you for your attention!

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