

Application for status of other control post (CP) for import consignments

This application concerns foodstuffs and food contact materials imported from non-EU countries and subject to EU's intensified controls, as well as fresh vegetables, fruits and berries covered by the plant health legislation. Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (Controls Regulation) is applied to imports and physical controls of the said products.

These products can only be imported via specific border control posts (BCP) approved for these product groups. The control posts in Finland for the products in question are Vuosaari Harbour, Helsinki Airport and Vaalimaa. The documentary checks of these consignments will be performed by the competent authorities of the border control post.

All fruit, vegetables and berries will require the presentation of a phytosanitary certificate. Only pineapple, coconut, durian, banana and dates are exempted from the certificate requirement. The physical checks of the products (identity checks, plant health inspections and sampling) shall be performed either at approved border control posts (BCP) or at other control points (CP) approved in advance. An approved other control point (CP) can be either the import company's or the forwarder's warehouse that meets the requirements of the Official Controls Regulation and the implementing acts adopted on the basis of the Regulation. The control point must also meet the requirements of the EU General Regulation 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs, and a notification of food premises must be submitted for the premises. A space or room in the warehouse must be designated for the inspections.

The company or the forwarder shall apply in advance for the status of other control point (CP) for its warehouse. The list of other control points (CP) is public and available on the tull.fi website. At a pre-determined time, Customs will inspect warehouses that have applied for status as other control point, and will put forward a suggestion of approval to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland. For a warehouse inspection, Customs collects a fee in accordance with the Finnish Government decree on services by Customs subject to charge.

If your company has several warehouses for which you are applying CP status, you should fill in an enquiry form separately for each one. Forms are to be submitted to rajatarkastusvalvonta@tulli.fi. If you need any further information on applying for other control point (CP) status, you can send your questions to the same email address.

1. Can information on other control point (name, address, email, phone number) be published on the website? Please note! If you reply "no", the warehouse cannot be granted the status of other control point (CP), nor can import consignments be delivered for control, but rather they will be inspected at an approved control point (BCP) for the product in question. Mandatory field.
 - Yes
 - No

2. I am importing or will import products from outside the EU that belong in the following product groups: Mandatory field.
 - EU's intensified import control, e.g. Foodstuffs under (EC) 2019/1793
 - Food contact materials under the EU's intensified import control (EU) 284/2011
 - Products such as fresh vegetables, fruits and berries under the Plant Health Legislation (EU) 2016/2031

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3. I will import or I intend to import foodstuffs under intensified EU import controls, such as Regulation (EU) 2019/1793; storage of the products will require
- a frozen food store
 - a cold store
4. The products imported from outside the EU and mentioned in the previous question, are arriving in the country: Mandatory field.
- in consumer packages or packages for institutional catering
 - packaged for transport (e.g. fruit boxes and big bags)
 - bulk goods (e.g. train carriages, ship's cargo hold); specify the products in the field below

 - regularly; how often _____
 - irregularly; how often _____
5. Contact information of the warehouse for which the status as other control point (CP) is applied. If your company has several warehouses for which you are applying CP status, remember to fill in a questionnaire for each one. Mandatory details

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| Name of company | |
| Business ID of company | |
| Phone number of the company | |
| Email address of the company | |
| Address of the warehouse (other control point, i.e. CP) | |
| Postal code | |
| Town/City | |
| Country | |
| Name and phone number of the company's representative | |

6. The storage facilities meet the requirements set for other control point (CP): (select all categories met as concerns the storage facility for which CP status is applied). Mandatory field.
- an unloading area covered by a roof
 - an inspection room or inspection area with a supply of hot and cold running water and facilities for washing and drying hands (does not apply to inspections subject to the plant health legislation)
 - access to toilets supplied with facilities for washing and drying hands

- temperature controlled storage environment according to the requirements set by the goods to be stored
- if a room is designated for inspections: walls, floor and ceiling that are easy to clean and disinfect, adequate drainage and adequate lighting
- if a space is designated for the inspection: easy to clean with adequate drainage and adequate lighting
- quarantine space (required for plant health inspections of products imported against regulations)
- a notification of food premises has been submitted for the warehouse
- the spaces meet the requirements of the EU General Regulation 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs

7. The warehouse equipment fulfils the requirements for other control point (CP): Mandatory field.

- equipment for the weighing of consignments
- equipment needed for unloading and opening consignments for inspection
- cleansing and disinfecting equipment and instructions for its use in the facilities or a contract for the use of an external agent for the cleansing and disinfection
- a table that is easy to clean and disinfect

8. I wish to add the following regarding the warehouse:

9. Please enclose a photograph of the space in your storage facility that is reserved for products subject to import controls or plant health legislation.