



United States Department of Agriculture

Foodstuffs on Aircraft Exempted from Removal as Regulated Garbage

Unused meals and other foodstuffs carried aboard aircraft in the galley are subject to removal as garbage regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) under Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations 330.400–330.403 and Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations 94.5. Unused meals, foodstuffs and other agricultural commodities carried in the cargo hold **must** be presented as cargo. These commodities are **not** exempt from APHIS regulations under V.S.I.E. (vessel supplies for immediate export) and **must** meet all U.S. import requirements.

The following commodities are exempted from these regulations and are allowed to remain aboard. The foodstuffs and beverages listed below **must not** be commingled/contaminated with APHIS regulated garbage. If they are contaminated with APHIS regulated garbage, then they are regulated.

Beverages

- ◆ Alcoholic drinks
- ◆ Coffee
- ◆ Juice
- ◆ Soda
- ◆ Tea
- ◆ Water

Condiments

- ◆ Gum syrup
- ◆ Horseradish
- ◆ Individual dry dairy creamers
- ◆ Individual jam/preserves portions (honey, strawberry, marmalade)
- ◆ Individual salad dressings (with or without dairy ingredients)
- ◆ Ketchup
- ◆ Mustard
- ◆ Non-dairy creamers
- ◆ Salt, sugar, pepper
- ◆ Soy sauce
- ◆ Tabasco sauce
- ◆ Wasabi

- ◆ Worcestershire sauce (Worcester sauce)

Prepackaged Snacks

- ◆ Cheese spread (shelf stable, without liquid)
- ◆ Chips
- ◆ Cookies
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Nuts
- ◆ Pretzels

Processed Foods

- ◆ Candy (e.g. after dinner mints)
- ◆ Caviar
- ◆ Chocolate bars/chocolates
- ◆ Cooked rice
- ◆ Drink mixes (including dried milk)
- ◆ Dry cereal (e.g. corn flakes)
- ◆ Pickles
- ◆ Smoked fish products (no cream sauces)
- ◆ Soup cups without animal product ingredients, including chicken, pork, beef, other meats, eggs, and milk products (see acceptable example [Dry Noodle Soup¹](#))

¹ The ingredients of the noodle soup product **must** be clearly labeled in English and **must** contain **no** animal products.