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 unless a compliance agreement to allow back-catering is approved. Garbage is 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
- Ultra-high temperature (UHT)-pasteurized dairy creamers (shelf stable)\(^1\)
- UHT-pasteurized milk (shelf stable)\(^1\)
- 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

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\(^1\) Milk and dairy creamer must be UHT-pasteurized to be exempted.
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- Salt, sugar, pepper
- Soy sauce
- Tabasco sauce
- Wasabi
- Worcestershire sauce (Worcester sauce)

**Prepackaged Snacks**
- Cheese spread (shelf stable, without liquid)
- Chips
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Fruit cups (shelf stable)
- Fully baked pastries without fillings
- Gummy fruit snacks
- 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

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