



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

¹ Milk and dairy creamer **must** be UHT-pasteurized to be exempted.

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Commercially labeled, shelf-stable (not requiring refrigeration), fully finished dry food products containing dry milk powder
- ◆ Cooked rice
- ◆ Drink mixes (including dried milk)
- ◆ Dry cereal (e.g., corn flakes)
- ◆ Hard cheese (which does **not** contain meat)
- ◆ Pasteurized processed cheese (which does **not** contain meat)
- ◆ Pickles
- ◆ Smoked fish products (no cream sauces)
- ◆ Soup cups without animal product ingredients, including chicken, pork, beef, other meats, and eggs