

Conditions to Import Processed Food & Food Appliances

You can import processed food and food appliances from any country or region as long as you meet SFA's conditions.

1. Import from regulated establishments

Regulated Source Programme

You have to ensure that the processed food products you intend to import are manufactured in an establishment which:

- is under proper supervision of the food authority of your exporting country or region, **or**
- has a quality assurance program acceptable to SFA.

You are required to maintain documentary proof that your imported products are produced under sanitary conditions in a regulated establishment. Note that you should submit this documentation to SFA if you import the following food products:

S/No.	Types of products
1	Packaged mineral and drinking water and ice
2	Coconut milk and grated coconut, and <i>nasi lemak</i>
3	Infant cereals and infant formulas (Please refer to the Calculation guide for Infant formula to conduct self checking on the compliance of the nutritional composition of infant formulas)
4	Land snails
5	Minimally processed fruits and vegetables
6	Pasteurised liquid milk
7	Traditional cakes (kueh kueh)
8	Cut sugarcanes
9	Mooncakes

Importers of other food products not listed above should also maintain regulated source documentation and produce them when requested by SFA officers. The following are some examples of regulated source documents that SFA accepts as documentary proof:

- Certificate of HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point)
- Certificate of GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices)
- Health Certificate (issued by competent food or veterinary authority of exporting country or region)
- Attestation of export (issued by competent food or veterinary authority of exporting country or region)
- Factory licence (issued by regulatory authority of the exporting country or region)

How to submit documentary proof

STEP	DESCRIPTION
STEP 1:	Submit the regulated source documents online, either: via Email: sfa_import&export_foodstuff@sfa.gov.sg , or via TradeNet . This is a one-time submission, unless there are changes to your sources of supply.
STEP 2:	Retain the original regulated source documents for SFA's inspection as and when necessary.

Enhanced Regulated Source Programme

As of 1 January 2014, importers of the following categories of processed food products from Malaysia should meet the conditions of the Enhanced Regulated Source Programme:

- Infant formula
- Infant cereal
- Traditional cakes/kueh kueh (e.g. kueh lapis, ang ku kueh, kueh dadar, onde onde, put piring, etc.)*
- Cooked rice products (e.g. nasi lemak, nasi goreng, lontong, etc)* and other perishable cooked food (puttu mayam, roti prata etc)*
- Mooncakes
- Dried beancurd sticks, skins and sheets
- Edible oil (with effect from 1 June 2018)

**Ready to eat products only. Frozen and/or uncooked products are currently excluded. For more information, see [Examples of Traditional Cakes \(Kueh Kueh\)](#), [Cooked Rice Products and Other Perishable Cooked Food](#).*

If you are bringing in food products covered under this programme, you must obtain your products from Malaysian food manufacturing establishments that have been registered with the Malaysian Ministry of Health (MOH).

Before you import the products, you must also:

- submit the relevant documentary proof, and
- follow specific procedures during import permit declaration.

How to submit documentary proof

STEP	DESCRIPTION
STEP 1:	Prepare softcopies of relevant enhanced regulated source documents for each premise, for example: a) the MOH Malaysia registration letter, and b) invoices from the manufacturing establishment.
STEP 2:	Indicate your company name and Unique Entity Number in your submission.
STEP 3:	Email the enhanced regulated source documents to sfa_import&export_foodstuff@sfa.gov.sg . This is a one-time submission, unless there are changes to your sources of supply.
STEP 4:	Receive an establishment code (e.g. MYZNNV0001) for each manufacturer upon submission of the documentary proof.
STEP 5:	Retain the original regulated source documents for SFA's inspection as and when necessary.

What to do at the point of import permit declaration

STEP	DESCRIPTION
STEP 1:	Declare the issued establishment code (e.g. MYZNNV0001) of the manufacturer(s) in the CA/SC Code1 field in TradeNet .
STEP 2:	Submit documentary proof to SFA online via the TradeNet , in the form of: a) invoices, b) packing lists, or c) manufacturer's licences.

2. Send products to accredited laboratories for analysis

While not mandatory, you are advised to initiate quality control checks on the products you intend to import by sending them to accredited laboratories for analysis.

For the list of accredited laboratories, please see the [Singapore Accreditation Council-Singapore Laboratory Accreditation Scheme \(SAC-SINGLAS\) website](#).

3. Submit required documents for high risk products

Some processed food products are classified as high risk and require you to submit additional documents when you apply for an import permit. These documents include health certificates, laboratory analysis, etc.

For the list of high risk products and their requirements, please see [Import Requirements of Specific Food Products](#).

4. Ensure food additives and ingredients are allowed by SFA

Under SFA's Food Regulations, only certain food additives and ingredients are allowed in food. See the section below on Food Additives and Ingredients for more information.

5. Ensure labels are accurate and complete

All pre-packed food products for sale in Singapore should be labelled according to specified requirements. For more information on food labelling and advertisement, please see [Labelling Guidelines for Food Importers and Manufacturers](#).