Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2246 amended Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 in relation to certain food and feed of non-animal origin in view of the serious risks posed by those commodities and entered into force on 6 January 2022. While no transitional period was provided for consignments of food and feed of non-animal origin of commodities listed in Annex II due to a possible contamination by ethylene oxide, Member States accepted to examine whether their authorities can accept such consignments which were not accompanied with a health certificate until 17 February 2022, provided that they were shipped to the Union before 6 January 2022 and that an official control at the external border showed that those consignments presented no health risks.

Since 6 January 2022, in the absence of transitional arrangements, food and feed listed in Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 must be accompanied by an official certificate.

Member States have to carry out border controls and ensure that only safe products are allowed to enter into the Union. In accordance with Article 65 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls, Member States must carry out checks on consignments suspected to be non-compliant with EU rules.

In accordance with point (h) of Article 11(2) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793, the official certificate must be issued before the consignment to which it relates leaves the control of the competent authorities in the third country issuing the certificate.

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