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Report Highlights:

Effective October 1, 2024, authority for Spanish import controls of agricultural products for human consumption has been transferred from the Ministry of Health to the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA). Official border controls are now reorganized into a common integrated system for the import of food and related products. The new streamlined system intends to guarantee unity of action and simplify administrative procedures for imports by merging all plant and animal health inspectors under one authority.

As of October 1, 2024, authority for Spanish import controls of agricultural products for human consumption has been transferred from the Ministry of Health (under the direct control of Foreign Health, or *Sanidad Exterior*) to the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food (MAPA).¹ Under a new Spanish regulation ([Ministerial Order PJC/756/2024](#), in Spanish language only), official border controls have been reorganized into a common integrated system for the import of food and related products. This regulation was put forward by the Ministry of Territorial Policy, in coordination with the Ministries of Health and Agriculture.

The new streamlined system intends to guarantee unity of action and simplify administrative procedures for imports by eventually merging all plant and animal health inspectors under one authority. Its stated objectives are to strengthen the effectiveness of the system, guarantee an optimal distribution of resources, and boost the competitiveness of the Spanish agri-food sector. An Inter-ministerial Commission for Monitoring Official Border Controls has also been established, whose goal is to guarantee coordination of competencies.

Import controls will continue to be carried out by the same personnel, with direction from the Ministry of Territorial Policy but integrated into the functional areas of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Attachments:

No Attachments.

¹ Until October 1, 2024, in Spain, the Ministry of Health (MOH) controlled the imports of agricultural products intended for human consumption; while the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA) controlled imports of animal feed/ingredients and live animals not intended for direct human consumption.