

Updated information on controls on plastic kitchenware articles

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Who should read:	All importers of polyamide and melamine plastic kitchenware articles, freight agents and freight forwarders, who handle such imports, authorised CFSP traders, staff at the National Clearance Hub (NCH).
What is it about:	New EU import procedures introducing checks on plastic kitchenware articles originating from China and Hong Kong coming into force on 1 July 2011.
When effective:	1 July 2011
Extant until/expires:	Until further notice.

1. Background

1.1 Previous [Customs Information Paper \(11\) 53](#) issued on 16 June 2011 notified new EU import controls on the import of polyamide and melamine plastic kitchenware articles originating in or consigned from China and Hong Kong. It also explained how these procedures will be implemented in practice in the UK.

1.2 The controls are set out in Commission Regulation (EU) No 284/2011 which is due to enter into force on 1 July 2011.

2. The new controls

2.1 HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) have now received confirmation from the European Commission and the Food Standards Agency (FSA) of the new commodity codes for these products and designated first points of introduction where these products have to be imported into the UK.

2.2 Importers or their representatives must notify the Local Authority/Port Health at the designated UK points of introduction (at a port or airport) at least two working days prior to their arrival in the EU. A list of the designated points of introduction is set out in the [Annex](#) to this paper.

2.3 Importers of plastic kitchenware articles that **are subject to the new controls in Commission Regulation (EU) 284/2011** will be required to enter commodity code - **3924 10 00 11** (consigned or originating from China or Hong Kong) in box 33 of the Single Administrative Document (SAD) - C88.

2.4 Importers of plastic kitchenware articles that **are not subject to the new controls or that do not originate or are not consigned from China and Hong Kong** should enter commodity code **3924 10 00 19** (other) in box 33 of the SAD. Misuse of this commodity code is a customs offence, if you are in any doubt as to whether or not your products fall within scope of the regulation, please contact the FSA as at paragraph 3.

2.5 The European Commission has produced guidelines on these new controls. [EU guidelines on conditions and procedures for the import of polyamide and melamine kitchenware originating in or consigned from People's Republic of China and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China](#) is available on the EUROPA website.

3. Further information and contacts

3.1 Further details about the scope of these import restrictions and how they will be implemented at the first points of introduction can be obtained from the lead policy department, the FSA by email or, in due course, via the Food Standards Agency website.

Email: imported.food@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk
[Food Standards Agency website](#)

3.2 This paper has been issued by:

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If you have a question about the content of this paper please use the details provided in the contacts section. For general HMRC queries speak to the Excise and Customs Helpline on Tel 0845 010 9000.

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Annex

List of specifically designated first points of Introduction in the UK for controls on the import of polyamide and melamine plastic kitchenware originating in or consigned from China and Hong Kong, under Regulation (EU) No 284/2011.

First point of introduction	FPI unit number
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Belfast port	UK DP 01
Dover port	UK DP 02
Felixstowe port	UK DP 03
Gatwick airport	UK DP 04
Harwich port	UK DP 05
Heathrow airport	UK DP 06
Hull and Goole port	UK DP 07
Ipswich port	UK DP 08
Liverpool port	UK DP 09
London Tilbury port	UK DP 10
London Thamesport	UK DP 11
Sheerness port	UK DP 12
Manchester airport	UK DP 13
Manchester Container Base	UK DP 14
Manchester International Freight Terminal	UK DP 15
Manchester (Ellesmere port only)	UK DP 16
Southampton port	UK DP 17
Teesport	UK DP 18
Grimsby and Immingham port	UK DP 19
Portsmouth port	UK DP 20
Stansted Airport	UK DP 21
Grangemouth port	UK DP 22
Port of Tyne	UK DP 23