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## 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 [7 CFR 330.400–330.403](#) and [9 CFR 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)<sup>1</sup>
- UHT-pasteurized milk (shelf stable)<sup>1</sup>
- 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
- Salt, sugar, pepper
- Soy sauce
- Tabasco sauce

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<sup>1</sup> Milk and dairy creamer **must** be UHT-pasteurized to be exempted.

- 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