

Appendix 3 United States Department of Agriculture Recycling Material Exemption



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APHIS regulated garbage is unconsumed fresh fruit, vegetables, and meats, or other plant or animal (including poultry) material, and other refuse of any character whatsoever that has been associated with any such material. The following items, if offloaded from a conveyance as part of its waste stream, may be recycled under conditions as specified below and **would not** have to be handled as APHIS regulated garbage. Note that neither separation nor sorting of regulated garbage and recyclable material is allowed outside the conveyance. Also cans or containers commingled with or visibly contaminated with APHIS regulated garbage will be handled as regulated garbage.

- ◆ Cans, glass, and plastic containers (as long as they never held milk or other dairy products), if stored separately from food waste or other APHIS regulated garbage and are **not** required to be incinerated or sterilized.
- ◆ Bottles, including bottles with processed fruit or vegetables. Note that bottles containing fresh fruit **may not** be recycled, except beer and other drink bottles containing small pieces of fruit.
- ◆ Baled, clean, cardboard boxes or paper that are **not** contaminated with animal material and that are **not** meat, egg, or poultry containers if stored separately from APHIS regulated garbage. Boxes that are **not** recycled **must** be incinerated or sterilized.
- ◆ Cardboard boxes that have held fresh fruits or vegetables, which have been stored separately from APHIS regulated garbage. Boxes that are **not** recycled **must** be incinerated or sterilized. Outer boxes, such as those that contained plastic milk jugs, are unrestricted and are **not** required to be incinerated or sterilized.
- ◆ Containers stored in the carrier separate from APHIS regulated garbage.
- ◆ Broken crockery (dishes and plates) that has been cleaned and rinsed, if stored separately from food waste, which is **not** required to be incinerated or sterilized. Clean broken crockery may be also sent to a landfill.

Regulating Baled Cardboard or Paper for Export

If there is baled cardboard or paper that is ready for export to a foreign country, you may allow removal and storage, but only if the port where it was offloaded from the conveyance is also the port from which it will be exported.



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 regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) under Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations 330.400–330.403 and Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Wasabi

- ◆ Worcestershire sauce (Worcester sauce)

Prepackaged Snacks

- ◆ Cheese spread (shelf stable, without liquid)
- ◆ Chips
- ◆ Cookies
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Nuts
- ◆ Pretzels

Processed Foods

- ◆ Candy (e.g. after dinner mints)
- ◆ Caviar
- ◆ Chocolate bars/chocolates
- ◆ Cooked rice
- ◆ Drink mixes (including dried milk)
- ◆ Dry cereal (e.g. corn flakes)
- ◆ Pickles
- ◆ Smoked fish products (no cream sauces)
- ◆ Soup cups without animal product ingredients, including chicken, pork, beef, other meats, eggs, and milk products (see acceptable example **Dry Noodle Soup**¹)

¹ The ingredients of the noodle soup product **must** be clearly labeled in English and **must** contain **no** animal products.