



Composite Products Decision Tree

Summary

The decision tree is a quick and easy way for exporters to determine whether their product is classed as a composite product.

Exporters should be aware that the decision tree is not an end to end guide for the entire export process. This is for deciding the use of **EHCs only**. It provides a summary of the health requirements that composite products will need to meet the requirements of the current [EU health certificate](#) for direct exports to the EU.

How to use

Start at Number 1. If you want to know what a composite product is, follow the **blue diamond-shaped boxes** and the questions will help you to determine your export. If the flowchart shows that you are exporting a **non-composite product**, follow the relevant GOV.UK Guidance.

If you already know that your export is classed as a composite product, follow the **yellow diamond-shaped boxes** to find out the next health requirements to export.

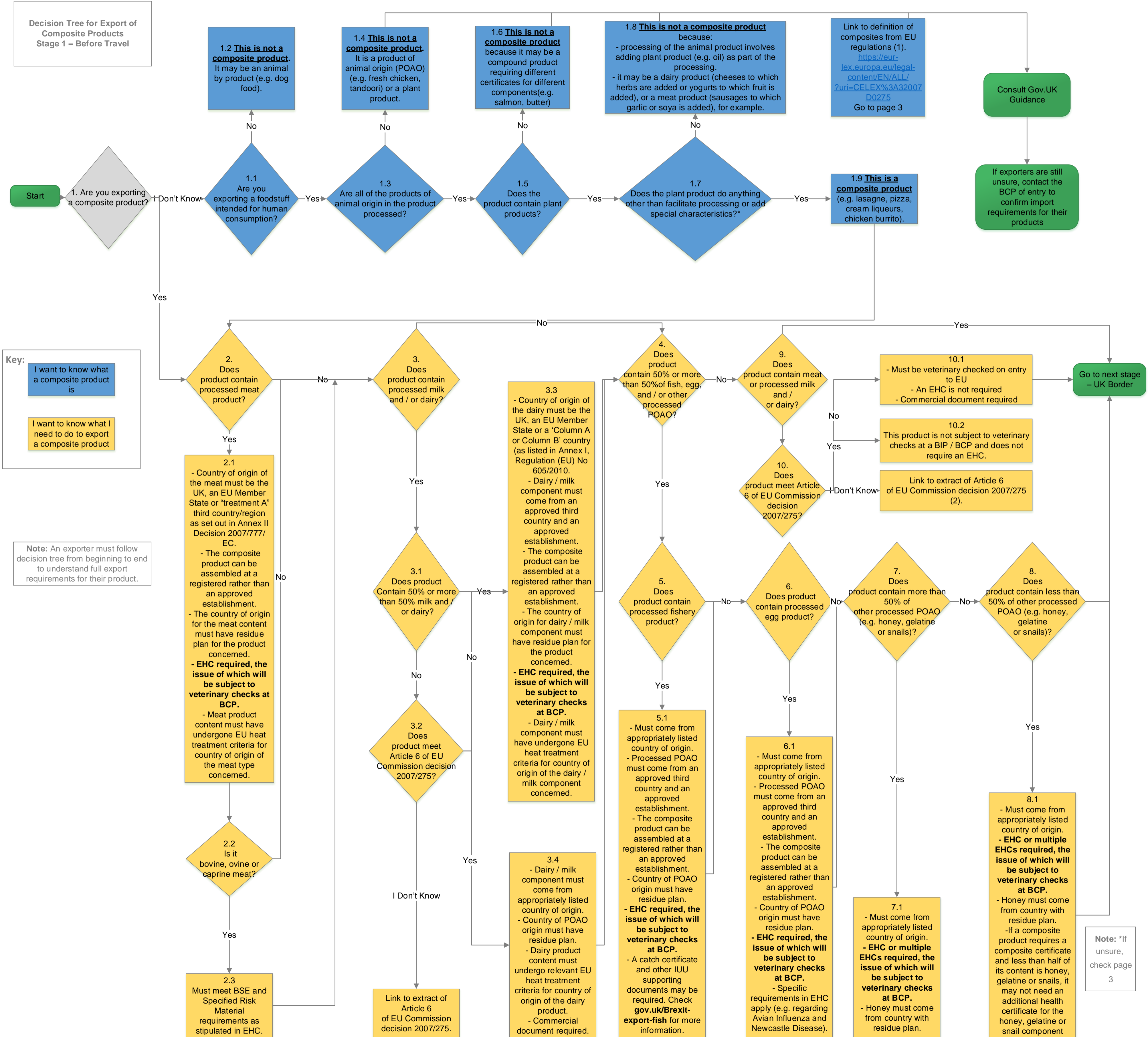
If you are still unsure as to whether your product qualifies as a composite or not, then contact the relevant BCP of entry to confirm requirements for their product.

Page 3 contains additional information on **[1.7]** plant products and page 4 explains **[10]** and the products not subject to veterinary inspection at a Border Control Post in more depth.

Annex A

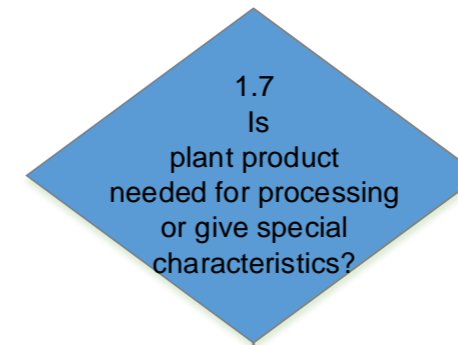
- Definition of composite product from EU Regulation ([pg 2-3](#))
- **[2.1]** Link to Annex II Decision 2007/777/EC ([link](#))
- **[3.2] [10.3]** Link to extract of Article 6 of EU Commission decision 2007/275 ([link](#))
- **[5.1]** Link to GOV.UK guidance for information on exporting fish ([link](#))
- Contact details for BCPs in EU in case further clarification is required ([link](#))
- Link to GOV.UK Guidance on exporting composite products ([link](#))
- Link to GOV.UK Guidance on exporting live animals and animal products ([link](#))

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I Don't Know

The addition of a product of plant origin during the processing of an animal product (e.g. to add special characteristics or when a product of plant origin is necessary for the manufacture of the product of animal origin) does not automatically mean that the resulting food falls within the meaning of a composite product.

For example:

- Cheeses to which herbs are added or yogurts to which fruit is added remain dairy products.
- Sausages to which garlic or soya is added remain meat products.
- Dairy ice cream, which is processed involving a heat treatment and to which fruits or other plant ingredients are added, remains a dairy product. Certain dairy ice creams may be classed as composite products depending upon their ingredients and the processing. If an ice cream is a dairy product, adding a plant product for flavouring does not make it a composite. The Decision Tree reflects the published guidance from the EU. Exporters should consult with their OV and the BCP of entry if they remain unsure whether their product is considered a composite or will need to travel using a different EHC.

If the processing of the animal product involves adding plant product (e.g. oil) as part of the processing or if the plant product is only added to give extra flavour or other “special characteristics” (e.g. herbs and spices added to a processed sausage) then these products do not automatically become composite products and would remain dairy products or meat products, etc.



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EU requirements 2007/275 include a list of products not subject to veterinary inspection at a Border Control Post.

These products are:

- Less than 50% of any processed product of animal origin; and
- **shelf-stable at ambient temperature** or cooked / have clearly undergone in their manufacture a complete cooking or heating process throughout their substance, so that any raw product is denatured.
- labelled **for human consumption**; and
- **securely packaged or sealed in clean containers**; and
- accompanied by a **commercial document** and labelled in an official EU language, to give information on the nature, quantity and number of packages of the composite products, the country of origin, the manufacturer, and the ingredient.

Or is one of the composite products or foodstuffs listed below:

CN Codes	Explanations
1704, 1806 20, 1806 31, 1806 32, 1806 90 11, 1806 90 19, 1806 90 31, 1806 90 39, 1806 90 50	Confectionery (including sweets) and chocolate, containing less than 50 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in Article 6(1)(a) of this Decision.
1902 19, 1902 30, 1902 40	Pasta and noodles not mixed or filled with processed meat product; containing less than 50 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in Article 6(1)(a) of this Decision.
1905 10, 1905 20, 1905 31, 1905 32, 1905 40, 1905 40 10, 1905 90 10, 1905 90 20, 1905 90 30, 1905 90 45, 1905 90 55, 1905 90 60, ex 1905 90 90;	Bread, cakes, biscuits, waffles and wafers, rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products; containing less than 20 % of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in Article 6(1)(a) of this Decision. 1905 90 covers only dry and brittle products.
ex 2001 90 65, ex 2005 70 00 ex 1604	Olives stuffed with less than 20 % fish Olives stuffed with more than 20 % fish
ex 2104 10 and ex 2104 20	Soup stocks and flavourings packaged for the final consumer, containing less than 50 % of fish oils, fish powders or fish extracts and treated as provided for in Article 6(1)(a) of this Decision.
ex 2106 10, ex 2106 90	Food supplements packaged for the final consumer, containing small amounts (in total less than 20 %) of processed animal products (including glucosamine, chondroitin and/or chitosan) other than meat products.

Then the product meets the Article 6 requirements and is not subjected to a veterinary check however, any **milk product** included in any composite products **shall only be derived from, and treated as provided for, countries listed in Annex I** to Commission Regulation (EU) No 605/2010 (or updates to it).