



National Board of Trade, a Swedish governmental agency

Export of dried onion and garlic from India to Sweden

Dear Sir/Madam,

In order to answer your inquiry regarding the export of dried onion and garlic from India to Sweden, we have been in contact with the Swedish Customs (*Tullverket*), the National Food Administration (*Livsmedelsverket*) and the Swedish Board of Agriculture (*Jordbruksverket*).

Customs tariffs and product codes

Product code	Product	General customs duty	Non preferential tariff quota*	Customs duty with preference -GSP**
0712 20 00 00	Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared -Onions	12,8%	10%	9,3%
0712 90 90 10	Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared -Other vegetables; mixtures of vegetables ---Garlic and Allium ampeloprasum and mixtures of vegetables containing garlic and/or Allium ampeloprasum	12,8%	-	8,9%

* Non preferential tariff quota

In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1831/96¹ a yearly quota of 12 000 tones dried onions can be imported into the EU with reduced rate of customs duty.

¹ For more information, please see: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32006R0973:SV:NOT>

**** Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)**

The European Union's (EU:s) GSP-system (Generalized System of Preferences) is an EU tariff system, giving a large number of products from developing countries reduced or abolished tariffs. The overall aim of GSP is to give products from developing countries access to the European market.

In order to benefit from GSP and the lower tariffs, it must be proved that the products originate from your country. The shipment must therefore be accompanied by a *certificate of origin*, a so-called **Form A**.

VAT

The Value-Added Tax for above listed products in Sweden is 12%.

Export procedures and required documentation for all exports to Sweden

Commercial invoice²

The commercial invoice is a record or evidence of the transaction between the exporter and the importer. Once the goods are available, the exporter issues a commercial invoice to the importer in order to charge him/her for the goods.

Freight documents (transport documentation)³

Depending on the means of transport used, the following documents are to be filled in and presented to the customs authorities of the importing European Union (EU) Member State (MS) upon importation in order for the goods to be cleared:

- Bill of Lading
- FIATA Bill of Lading
- Road Waybill (CMR)
- Air Waybill (AWB)
- Rail Waybill (CIM)
- ATA Carnet
- TIR Carnet

Packing list⁴

The packing list (P/L) is a commercial document accompanying the commercial invoice and the transport documents, and providing information on the imported items and the packaging details of each shipment (weight, dimensions, handling issues, etc.).

² For more information on the minimum data included in a commercial invoice, please see: http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_02v002/eu/main/gen_cominvce_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Commercial+invoice&languageId=en&status=PROD

³ For more information on respective type of freight document, please see: http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_02v002/eu/main/gen_freidoc_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Freight+documents&languageId=en&status=PROD

⁴ For more information on data generally included in a packing list, please see: http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_02v002/eu/main/gen_packlist_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Packing+list&languageId=en&status=PROD

Customs value declaration⁵

The Customs Value Declaration is a document which must be presented to the customs authorities where the value of the imported goods exceeds EUR 10 000.

Freight insurance⁶

The insurance is an agreement by which the insured is indemnified in the event of damages due to a risk covered in the policy. Insurance is all-important in the transport of goods because of its exposure to risks during handling, storing, loading or transporting cargo, and other rare risks, such as riots, strikes or terrorism.

Customs import declaration (SAD)⁷

All goods imported into the European Union (EU) must be declared to the customs authorities of the respective Member State using the [Single Administrative Document](#) (SAD).

⁵ For more information on customs value declarations, please see:

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_02v002/eu/main/gen_valuedec_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Customs+Value+Declaration&languageId=en&status=PROD

⁶ For more information on freight insurance, please see:

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_02v002/eu/main/gen_insuranc_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Freight+insurance&languageId=en&status=PROD

⁷ For more information on customs import declaration, please see:

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_02v002/eu/main/gen_sad_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Single+Administrative+Document+%28SAD%29&languageId=en&status=PROD

Product-specific requirements

Registration of import

All importers of food products must be registered at the local Swedish municipality where the company is located.

Labelling requirements⁸:

- all food sold in Sweden has to be marked in Swedish and clearly show:

1. Trade name
2. List of ingredients
3. Quantity of ingredients
4. Net weight
5. Date (best before) or last date of consumption
6. Special instructions for storage or use
7. Name of importer or name of company and address
8. Country of origin

The labelling is done by the importer. If you need help with the trade names for your products, we advise you to contact the National Food Administration. Their phone number is +46-18-17 55 00, ask for the department for international trade.

Health control of foodstuffs of non-animal origin⁹

Imports of foodstuffs of non-animal origin into the EU must comply with requirements that have been designed to prevent risks to public health and protect consumers' interests. These requirements concern for example traceability, hygiene and maximum levels of certain contaminants in food, preparation and official control of foodstuffs.

Import licence for agricultural products¹⁰ (Applies for garlic)

⁸ For more information, please see:

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_03v002/eu/main/req_lblfood_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=ehir_se08_03v002/se/main/req_lblfood_se_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Labelling+for+foodstuffs&languageId=en&status=PROD

⁹ For more information on health control requirements, please see:

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_02v002/eu/main/req_heanahc_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=ehir_se08_02v002/se/main/req_heanahc_se_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Health+control+of+foodstuffs+of+non-animal+origin&languageId=en&status=PROD

¹⁰ For more information, please see:

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_04v002/eu/main/req_trdagric_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=ehir_se08_04v002/se/main/req_trdagric_se_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Import+licence+for+agricultural+products&languageId=en&status=PROD

In order to import dried garlic into the EU an import licence is required. The certificate is issued by the Swedish board of Agriculture.

Products from organic production¹¹

In order to place products on the European Union (EU) market with reference to organic production, they must comply with the rules laid down by Regulation (EC) n° 834/2007 (OJ L-189 20/07/2007). Only when the requirements in this regulation are met, are you authorised to label your products as organic when selling them on the EU market.

Relevant contact details

Competent authorities in Sweden are the *National Food Administration (Livsmedelsverket)*.

Hamnesplanaden 5
Box 622
SE-751 26 Uppsala
Tel: (+46) 18 17 55 00
Fax: (+46) 18 10 58 48
E-mail: livsmedelsverket@slv.se
Website: <http://www.slv.se>

And the *Swedish Board of Agriculture (Jordbruksverket)*.

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¹¹ For more information, see:

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.jsp?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu08_04v002/eu/main/req_sporgan_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=SE&file2=ehir_se08_04v002/se/main/req_sporgan_se_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel2=Sweden&label=Products+from+organic+production&languageId=en&status=PROD

Business partners and market information

In case you are looking for potential importers, the Chambers of commerce offers access to a computer based system for importers and exporters who wish to trade in Sweden. Here you can find potential business partners free of charge. The link is:

<http://www.chambertrade.com/>.

There are also Market Reports or so called "Market Briefs" for a number of sectors and product groups, providing information on import patterns, product descriptions, distribution channels and business opportunities in Sweden. They may be downloaded free of charge from any developing country at: www.cci.se/trade

Export Helpdesk for developing countries

The European Commission has established an online service called Export Helpdesk where relevant information for developing countries is provided. Export Helpdesk contains information on tariffs and taxes, requirements and rules of origin etc. The link is:

<http://exporthelp.europa.eu/>

I hope that this will be helpful for you in your future business endeavors. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us again.

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