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Scope / conditions

The import provisions apply to all "other mammals" for which (using the principle of exclusion) there are no specific health regulations governing import. Please also note the specific conditions governing import into approved bodies or institutes where applicable. (Monkeys and pro-simians may only be exchanged between such bodies.)

Under the bilateral agreements between the EU and Switzerland, the animals must comply with the requirements of [Directive 92/65/EEC](#).

Health certificate / TRACES

The veterinary officer in the country of origin must send an electronic TRACES notification to the Cantonal Veterinary Office in the country of destination for the following "other mammals". The cantonal authority must record the establishment of destination in Switzerland in the TRACES electronic system before the first import takes place.

- » Carnivores including all marine mammals (e.g. felines, canines including foxes, bears, raccoons, martens, mongooses, aardwolves, hyenas, walruses, seals)
- » Marsupials
- » Chiroptera (bats, flying foxes)

The carnivores, marsupials and chiroptera listed above must be accompanied by a TRACES certificate for "non-harmonised species". Only the stamped and signed original will be accepted.

Animals that belong to other mammalian species (no "own" import provisions and not mentioned above – e.g. insectivores) must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the establishment owner (see "Health certificate / TRACES" below).

Import permit according to species conservation law

Import requires an import licence issued by the FSVO.

Requirements of species conservation law

If the species is protected, in addition to the import licence, the shipment must be accompanied by an original CITES export licence issued by the country of origin when it is imported.

Please check the conservation status in the CITES species list (see "Further information").



Overarching protective measures

The [protective measures](#) in force on the day of import apply in all cases.

Inspection on entry into the country

The competent cantonal authorities check the prescribed health certificates or commercial documentation as part of their control activities.

Species conservation control

The shipment must be notified to the customs authority and presented to the chosen species conservation control office within 48 hours (two working days) (see "Further information"). The fee for the species conservation control will be collected in advance by the customs authority.

Owner's licence

For the keeping of wild animals a licence might be required. Applications for licences should be made to the competent Cantonal Veterinary Office. The affected species of animal are listed in the [Animal Protection Ordinance, Article 89-92 \(in French\)](#).

Miscellaneous

Certain animal species are additionally subject to species conservation regulations. Please check the conservation status in the CITES species list (see "Further information").

Administration and Informations

Health certificate / TRACES

[07/20 Health attest of the person in charge of the animals](#)

Import permit applications

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Legal framework

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