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### Scope / conditions

The import provisions apply to European honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) and bumblebees (*Bombus* spp.). After they have been imported, the animals will be monitored by the Veterinary Office in accordance with the instructions issued by the Cantonal Veterinary Officer. The competent Cantonal Veterinary Office must be informed of the planned import 10 days in advance; the arrival of the animals must be notified no later than 24 hours after their arrival.

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

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### Health certificate / TRACES

The veterinary officer in the country of origin must send an electronic TRACES notification. The cantonal authority must record the establishment of destination in Switzerland in the TRACES electronic system before the first import takes place.

The bees must be accompanied by a TRACES certificate 92/65/EEC EII "bees/queen bees and bumblebees". Only the stamped and signed original will be accepted.

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### Overarching protective measures

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

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### Inspection on entry into the country

Please note that it is not possible to import all categories of animals and goods into Switzerland at all border crossing points. The customs authorities have full autonomy in determining the responsibilities of each customs post.

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

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### Administration and Informations

#### Legal framework

[OITE-UE \(in French\)](#)

[OITE-UE-DFI \(in French\)](#)



## Further info

[TD Official measures for de-tecting small hive beetle infestation when importing bee colonies \(in French\)](#)

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