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Scope / conditions

The import provisions apply to infectious material that is pathogenic in animals and to substances and objects that may be carriers of pathogens (e.g. micro-organisms in the form of laboratory samples for analytical and research purposes, or shipments of non-commercial samples for machine testing or product development).

See also "Special provisions".

The specific health regulations governing import are provided in greater detail under "Further info".

Animal health import permit

Sampled material from food and feed that is not or no longer fit for commercial purposes may be imported without a licence if it is intended for analysis in Swiss laboratories. The shipments must be labelled as "laboratory samples".

Please submit a written application to the FSVO if you wish to import shipments of other non-commercial samples and laboratory samples or other material pathogenic in animals (see "Import applications").

Overarching protective measures

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

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.

Miscellaneous

Certain animal species are additionally subject to species conservation provisions. Specimens or samples from protected species require an import licence from the veterinary health authority (except blood and tissue samples of apes listed in CITES Appendices II (for the pharmaceutical industry)) and a CITES export licence issued by the country of origin.

Such shipments must be notified to the customs authority and presented to a species conservation control office within 48 hours (two working days). Blood and tissue samples of apes listed in CITES Appendices II (for the pharmaceutical industry) are exempt from physical inspection. In such cases, only the documents have to be inspected (see "Species conservation control without an import licence" document under "More information").



The fee for the species conservation control will be collected in advance by the customs authority.
Please contact the FSVO if you have any questions or require clarification.

Administration and Informations

Import permit applications

[07/25 application form for permit to import products of animal origin from the EU](#)

[07/27 Application form for permit to import laboratory samples of animal origin for research and diagnostic purposes from the EU](#)

[Import permit application CITES / wild animals and plants](#)

Legal framework

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

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

[Ordinance on the Disposal of Animal By-products \(OSPA, in French\)](#)

[LCITES \(in French\)](#)

[OCITES \(in French\)](#)

[Ordinance on CITES controls \(in French\)](#)

Further info

[Import of non-commercial samples and laboratory samples \(in French\)](#)

[Customs offices and opening hours](#)

[Addresses of Cantonal Veterinary Offices \(German / French\)](#)

[WHO shipping infectious substances](#)

[Website of the Canton of Zurich on biosafety and transport \(in German\)](#)

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[The species protection inspection with import permit](#)

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[Customs: animals and animal products](#)

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[Biotechnology contact office in the Federal Administration](#)