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Scope / conditions

The import provisions apply to animals of all “further species of mammals”, for which (using the principle of exclusion) there are no specific health regulations governing import on the site www.blv.admin.ch.
[particular conditions apply to imports of animals kept in “confined establishments” (such as zoos, circuses or animal shows)]

According to bilateral treaties, the rules governing exchanges between EU Member States and Switzerland are the same as for intracommunity movements. As there are no harmonized rules for this particular case, national regulations apply.

Overarching protective measures

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

Health certificate / TRACES

For marine mammals, marsupials and chiroptera, the veterinary officer in the country of origin must send an electronic TRACES notification to the Cantonal Veterinary Office of the place of destination, using the model “non-harmonized species”. Consignments of “other mammals” belonging to the remaining species must be accompanied by a health certificate completed by the establishment owner (see below “Health attestation”).

Additional conditions

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

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. Please contact the customs authorities for any questions regarding customs regulations and procedures.

Miscellaneous



An animal welfare license from the Cantonal Veterinary Office is required for the keeping of wild animal species and if animals are being imported for one of the following purposes: trading, advertising, animal shows, zoos, circuses, and/or animal experiments.

Administration and Informations

Legal framework

[Legal framework of the animal health sector governing movements of live animals, germinal products \(semen, oocytes and embryos\) from animals and animal by-products between EU Member States and Switzerland](#)

Health attestation

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

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