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Scope / conditions

The specific health regulations governing import are provided in greater detail under "Further info".
Animal by-products must comply with the requirements set out in [Regulation \(EC\) No 1069/2009](#) and [Regulation \(EU\) No 142/2011](#).

Health certificate / TRACES

A TRACES notification is mandatory in all cases provided for in Article 48 of [Regulation \(EC\) 1069/2009](#).

Commercial document

The shipment must be accompanied by a commercial document as stipulated in [Regulation \(EU\) No 142/2011](#) (see below under "Commercial document").

Certain animal by-products require neither a TRACES notification nor a commercial document (e.g. "ready-to-use pet food", hunting trophies and animal products) (see "More information" in the document "Importing ABP from the EU and Norway").

Animal health import permit

An import licence from the veterinary health authority issued by the FSVO is not required to import Category 3 animal by-products.

An import licence is required for all animal by-products that cannot be imported under standard conditions (C1 and C2 products). Please submit a written import application to the FSVO (see under "Import applications").

Approved suppliers

The [establishment of origin](#) must be licensed to import.

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.

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

Miscellaneous

Certain animal species are additionally subject to species conservation provisions. Please check the conservation status in the CITES species list (see "Further information") and submit an import application where necessary (see "Import applications"). If an import license is required, the species conservation control must be performed after the animals have been imported.

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.

Administration and Informations

Import permit applications

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

[Animal By-products \(in French\)](#)

[Customs offices and opening hours](#)

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

[Index of CITES species](#)

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

[Customs: animals and animal products](#)

[CITES: International contacts](#)



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Commercial document

[Commercial document CE 142/2011](#)