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**Origin:** Third countries

**Category:** Animal products

**Supergroup:** Animal by-products

**Group:** Non-commercial and laboratory samples

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## Scope / conditions

The import provisions apply to certain animals and animal products and also to goods of animal origin as non-commercial samples, for special purposes such as machine testing, product development and for laboratory samples for analytical and research purposes. See also "Special provisions" and "Further info" > "[Information approval procedure](#)".

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## Animal health import permit

Animals and animal products should always be imported under the import provisions applicable to the relevant products. Please refer to the appropriate chapters for information.

In the case of products that cannot fulfill these requirements (e.g. animal by-products in Category 1 and 2), the FSVO can, in individual cases, issue import licences for small quantities subject to special conditions. This is possible on the condition, among others, that "channelled" import and use can be ensured and monitored from the border crossing (for shipments from third countries subject to veterinary inspection only at the airports in Geneva and Zurich) until the goods are disposed of correctly. Goods of this type must under no circumstances be placed on the market or come into contact with marketable goods.

If the purpose is fulfilled, the animal products have to be re-exported to their country of origin or disposed of in accordance with the Swiss legislation on Animal By-products.

Certain other animal products and animals may also be imported with an import permit. Further conditions for the issuing of import licences can be found in the "[Information approval procedures](#)" document (see "Further info" below). An [import application](#) completed in full must be submitted to the FSVO (see "Import permit applications").

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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

### Direct import by air

The shipment undergoes veterinary inspection on arrival at the Swiss airport (Zurich or Geneva).

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## 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.

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## Administration and Informations

### Import permit applications

[Import application for non-commercial and laboratory samples \(16/01\)](#)

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

### Legal framework

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

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

[Right of appeal for import permits \(in French\)](#)

[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

[Information approval procedure](#)

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