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CONTROL

IMPORT INTO SPAIN OF ANIMALS DESTINED FOR EXPERIMENTATION, ZOOS AND CIRCUS ANIMALS OR DESTINED FOR EXHIBITIONS OR SHOWS. IMPORT OF EXOTIC ANIMALS DESTINED FOR SALE AS PETS.

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1. Border Control Posts

Live animals may only be imported through ports/airports authorised as Border Control Posts. A list of authorised Border Control Posts (BCPs) can be found at the following link:

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/en/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/import/default.aspx>

There are three categories of authorisations:

- U: Ungulates (except registered Equidae)
- E: Registered Equidae
- O: Other animals (including zoo ungulates)

PCF/BCP:

- POA-NHC (2)
- LA-U, E, O
- PNAO-NHC-FEED (2)

2. Authorised country of origin

The import of live animals is only authorised if the animals come from third countries authorised to export that category of animals to the EU.

3. Prior notification of arrival of the consignment

The importers, directly or through their customs representative, must give prior notification of the arrival of the consignment to the Animal Health Service responsible for the Border Control Post. To do so, the Part I of the Common Health Entry Document must be submitted in the TRACES NT application:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/login>

This prior notification must be made at least one working day before the arrival of the goods, except when the goods are transported by ferry and the time between the loading of the goods in the country of origin and the arrival at the BCP is 24 hours.

4. Registration in REGA

When consignments are destined for Spain, the holding of destination must be registered in the Register of Livestock Holdings (REGA):

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/trazabilidad-animal/sitran/default.aspx>

5. Health Certificate of Origin

All consignments of live animals to be imported must be accompanied by a Health Certificate of Origin in accordance with the specific model for the category of animal concerned. In the absence of model certificates harmonised by European legislation, the Directorate-General for Health of Agri-Food Production and Animal Welfare will establish the national IMP models on the basis of Order APA/660/2020 of July 16, either by publishing them on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or by attaching the model certificate to the import licence.

These certificates must be signed and stamped by an official veterinarian of the country of origin.

6. Other documentation

In addition to the Health Certificate of Origin, the accompanying documentation will vary depending on the characteristics of the animal to be imported, including, among others:

- Fee for veterinary controls (code 051), which can be paid electronically at the following link: [Fees](#)
- Commercial invoice for the shipment.
- Bill of lading or airway bill.

Specific requirements by animal species are shown below:

1. ANIMALS DESTINED FOR EXPERIMENTATION

a) In the case of rodents, the animals must be accompanied by an animal health certificate according to the model established in Spain, when the final destination is our country:

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/import/certis-import.aspx>

b) In the case of rabbits destined for research, they must be accompanied by an animal health certificate according to the model established in Spain, when the final destination is our country:

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/import/certis-import.aspx>

In the case of rodents and lagomorphs for experimentation, since the certificate model is available in the web page, it is not necessary to request an import license.

c) In the case of primates for research, the importer shall send the application through the electronic headquarters or by sending to the Subdirector General for Health Agreements and Border Control (SGASCF), the form (Annex I) completed and signed, as well as the necessary accompanying documentation, by the means provided for in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015 of October 1 of the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

https://sede.mapa.gob.es/portal/site/seMAPA/ficha-procedimiento?procedure_suborg_responsable=91&procedure_etiqueta_pdu=null&procedure_id=741&by=theme

The SGASCF will study each request and may ask to the importer for all the additional necessary information to be able to assess the risk posed by the import.

If it is considered that it is appropriate to pre-authorize the entry of the animals, an import license will be issued indicating the model certificate that must accompany the animals. This license will be sent both to the interested party and to the Border Control Post (BCP) of entry.

For the import of apes (simiae and prosimiae) it shall be a prerequisite that the establishment of destination is authorized as a center for the confinement of terrestrial animals in captivity in accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2035.

2. ANIMALS DESTINED FOR ZOOS, CIRCUSES, EXHIBITIONS OR SHOWS.

For the importation of animals, other than ungulates and birds, which have harmonized conditions, destined to zoological centers (for example: marine mammals or terrestrial carnivores), the importer shall send the application through the electronic headquarters or by sending to the Subdirector General for Health Agreements and Border Control (SGASCF), the form (Annex I) completed and signed, as well as the necessary accompanying documentation, by the means provided for in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015 of October 1 of the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

https://sede.mapa.gob.es/portal/site/seMAPA/ficha-procedimiento?procedure_suborg_responsable=91&procedure_etiqueta_pdu=null&procedure_id=741&by=theme

The SGASCF will study each request and may ask to the importer for all the additional necessary information to be able to assess the risk posed by the import.

If it is considered appropriate to authorize the entry of the animals, an import license will be issued in which it may be requested that the animals be accompanied by an international animal health certificate, an analytical bulletin or other documentation deemed necessary.

3. OTHER ANIMALS

The importer shall send the application through the electronic headquarters or by sending the form (Annex I) completed and signed, as well as the necessary accompanying documentation, to the Subdirector General for Health Agreements and Border Control (SGASCF), by the means provided in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015 of October 1 of the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

https://sede.mapa.gob.es/portal/site/seMAPA/ficha-procedimiento?procedure_suborg_responsable=91&procedure_etiqueta_pdu=null&procedure_id=741&by=theme

The SGASCF will study each request and may ask to the importer for all the additional necessary information to be able to assess the risk posed by the import.

If it is considered that it is appropriate to pre-authorize the entry of the animals, an import license will be issued indicating the model certificate that must accompany the animals. This license will be sent both to the interested party and to the Border Inspection Post (BIP) of entry.

4. EXOTIC ANIMALS DESTINED FOR SALE AS PETS

In the case of animals for which there is a model IMP certificate, they will be accompanied by the same, when the final destination is our country:

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/import/certis-import.aspx>

In the case of turtles, they shall also be accompanied by the corresponding analytical bulletin indicating that they have been tested for *Salmonella*.

For animals for which there is no IMP certificate model on the website, the importer shall send the application through the electronic headquarters or by sending to the Subdirectorato-General for Health Agreements and Border Control (SGASCF), the form (Annex I) completed and signed, as well as the necessary accompanying documentation, by the means provided for in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015 of October 1 of the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

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The SGASCF will study each request and may ask to the importer for all the additional necessary information to be able to assess the risk posed by the import. The health risk will be taken into account and, in certain cases, it will be necessary for the importer to previously consult the SG of Natural Environment of the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, if deemed appropriate, so that the risk can be evaluated from there from an environmental point of view (invasive alien species). The import of species included in the Spanish Catalog of Invasive Alien Species or in the List of Invasive Alien Species of Concern for the EU is not allowed. If a species is included in the List of Alien Species it will be necessary to have an authorization from the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge prior to the granting of an import license from the SGASCF.

If it is deemed appropriate to pre-authorize the entry of the animals, an import license will be issued indicating the model certificate that must accompany the animals. This license will be sent to both the interested party and the Border Control Point (BCP) of entry.

ANNEX I



APPLICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS

Origin establishment data:

Name of Establishment

Postal address and phone or fax

Datos del ESTABLECIMIENTO DE DESTINO:

Name of establishment

Postal address and phone or fax

TRANSPORT data:

Estimated date of arrival.....

Port or airport of entry.....

Means of international transport to be used.....

ANIMALS data:

Quantity (number of animals).....

Species (scientific and common name).....

Tattoo or individual identification

Purpose of import

APPLICANT DATA:

I, the undersigned, D..... with DNI nº , REQUEST to the Subdirectorate-General for Health Agreements and Border Control, the issuance of an import license for the animals described above.

Signed.

On.....

Contact information of the applicant:

Telephone No:.....Fax No:.....E-mail:.....

Information on the data protection policy

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food maintains a commitment to comply with the current legislation on the processing of personal data and information security to ensure that the collection and processing of the data provided is carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 General Data Protection (GDPR) and the national regulations in force in this area. For this reason, we provide you with information on the data protection policy applied to the processing of personal data resulting from the application procedure for the import of animals of non-harmonised species:

1. Controller: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

General Secretariat for Agricultural Resources and Food Safety/Directorate-General for Health of Agri-Food Production and Animal Welfare

Telephone 913478241

Mail: bnz-dgspa@mapa.es

Data Protection Officer: bnz-DPD@mapa.es

2. Purpose of processing: The personal data incorporated will be used exclusively to manage the request for import of live animals of non-harmonised species into the European Union and for the preparation of the relevant Resolution and will be preserved as long as the applicable legislation obliges their conservation (Law 16/1985, of 25 June, on the Spanish Historical Heritage).

3. Legitimation of processing: the processing is necessary for the resolution of the import application in accordance with the regulations (Order APA/660/2020).

4. Recipients of the data: Subdirectorate-General for Health Agreements and Border Control.

5. Data processing rights: In accordance with the provisions of the GDPR, you can request the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, through its electronic headquarters (<https://sede.mapama.gob.es/portal/site/se>), the access, rectification and deletion of your personal data, the limitation and opposition to the processing of your data and not to be subject to automated decisions. Likewise, if you consider your rights to be violated, you may file a complaint of protection with the Spanish Data Protection Agency <https://sedeagpd.gob.es/>