

NOTES ON THE IMPORT OF FOOD TO GERMANY

IMPORTING PRODUCTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

The following animal products may only be imported from certain third countries and only from companies licensed to import to the EU:

- Meat (Please note that the import of meat from ASF (African swine fever) affected countries is not permitted!)
- Milk
- Cheese
- Fish
- Honey
- Eggs

As from 1 January 2021 and as a consequence of BREXIT, the United Kingdom (UK) counts as third country and has to subject to the regular customs import procedure.

Exhibitors from third countries should pay attention particularly to the information from the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

Companies not licensed to import animal products to the EU may, under certain circumstances, be granted special permits in accordance with the food hygiene and animal health regulations for exhibition purposes within the scope of trade fairs in the exhibition halls.

To apply for the two special permits in accordance with the food hygiene regulations and animal health regulations, the transport company requires the following information by middle of December:

1. Type, quantity and processing of products

- Meat and sausage products from hoofed animals (pigs, sheep, cattle ...)
- Poultry and poultry products
- Wild game and game products
- Milk and dairy products
- Fish and seafood (clams, crustaceans, molluscs, shellfish)
- Eggs and products containing eggs
- Honey and bee products

2. Name und address of the producer

- (EU veterinary control number if issued)

3. Name und address of the sender and Transport Company

4. EU point of entry

5. Recipient of the products

- Including the name of the exhibition hall and stand numbers



TRANSPORT TO BERLIN MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

1. Commercial invoice

Please prepare four original commercial invoices and packing lists under your company letterhead with the following information:

- Complete description of the merchandise with the respective quantities
- Customs tariff number of each individual product
- Recipient of the products, including the name of the exhibition, hall and stand number
- Gross and net weight in kg, dimensions of the packages
- Merchandise value per piece and total value of merchandise
- Name and address of the producer
- (EU veterinary control number if issued)
- EU point of entry
- Name and address of the sender and transport company

2. Special permits

- Special permit in accordance with the food hygiene regulations from the District Office of Reinickendorf, Berlin
- Special permit in accordance with the animal health regulations from the Senate Administration of Health, Environmental Affairs and Consumer Protection (Land Berlin) or the supreme veterinary authority of another Land in Germany when not importing to Berlin

3. Veterinary certificate of the country of origin pursuant to the issued special permit

The certificate must be issued in the language of the country of origin, in German for the exhibition grounds in Berlin and, in applicable cases, in Polish for the customs office at the border. The certificate must include all necessary product information – a precise description of contents is given when the special permits are issued.

4. Authorization for the transport company at the EU border

The sender must authorize a transport company in due time for customs and veterinary processing at the EU border. Please send the respective trade fair transport company the documents, forms and authorizations required by the border transport company, so that they will be available to the border transport company in time for transport.

5. Transport documents for the carrier

- Transit documents (e.g. T1 or TIR carnet)
- Commercial invoice
- Authorization for the transport company



6. CVED certificate (common veterinary entry documents for import into the EU)

At the EU point of entry the driver must present all the documents listed under items 1 through 5 to the authorized border transport company so that the border transport company can initiate processing with customs and the veterinary border inspection post. The veterinarian at the border inspection post will issue a signed and stamped CVED certificate according to the papers presented.

The CVED certificate is very important! Without this certificate the transport company will not be able to initiate final veterinary processing in Berlin and the merchandise will not be permitted for display in the exhibition halls.

For see [here](#) for more information.

USE OF THE IMPORTED MERCHANDISE FROM COMPANIES NOT LICENSED FOR THE EU

Arrival of the merchandise at the exhibition grounds must be reported immediately (at least 24h before) by telephone or fax to the veterinary and food supervisory authority at the District Office of Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, Berlin.

The merchandise may only be displayed and distributed for consumption on the trade fair premises for the duration of the event. The conditions of the special permit must be complied. Handing the merchandise over to consumers for them to take away from the exhibition grounds is not permitted.

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Customs

Main Customs Office Berlin

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- Dispatch Office on Exhibition Grounds
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