

Information on the import of game trophies and other animal preparations into the European Union

The currently valid legal provisions for animal by-products – including game trophies – have been in force since 1 March 2011. They consist of Reg. (EC) No. 1069/2009 and the implementing provisions of Reg. (EU) No. 142/2011.

Consignments subject to controls

Uniform rules on checks of live animals, food of animal origin and animal products (these include game trophies and other animal preparations) apply for the entire EU.

The provisions regarding which consignments are to be subjected to checks by border veterinarians have been laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2007.

In order to provide for uniform enforcement by the authorities involved in border control the CN-code has been used as the basis.

Basically, game trophies have been classified under CN-codes 0505 or 0506 or 0507 or 4103 or 9705. This means that these types of consignments are subject to border veterinarian control, limited by the specific conditions in Annex XIII Chapter VI Section B and Section C No. 1 of Reg. (EU) No. 142/2011.

No checks by border veterinarians are required for:

- game trophies of other animals than ungulates and birds, if they originate in an area not subject to restrictions as a result of the presence of serious transmissible diseases to which animals of the species concerned are susceptible;
- game trophies of ungulates and birds having undergone a complete taxidermy treatment;
- game trophies of ungulates or birds, that were mounted and subjected to a treatment which does not pose any health risks;
- Hides and skins, having undergone the complete process of tanning;
- 'wet blue' (Chrome tanned hides);
- 'pickled pelts';
- limed hides (treated with lime and in brine at a pH of 12 to 13 for at least eight hours)
- ungulates or birds or parts of such animals, that have been subject to an anatomical preparation (e.g. plastination);
- insects or Arachnids (spiders) which have been subject to a treatment, such as drying;
- objects in natural history collections, that have been preserved in alcohol or formaldehyde or embedded completely on micro-slides.

Checks by border veterinarians required:

Conditions

The basic conditions for the import of game trophies and other animal preparations have been laid down in Annex XIV Chapter II Section 5 of Reg. (EU) No. 142/2011.

Treated game trophies

Treated game trophies (bones, horns, hooves, claws, antlers, teeth or skins) may be imported from any third country if:

1. they underwent the following treatments:
 - horns, hooves, claws, antlers and teeth must have been boiled to remove any other matter and were disinfected;
 - bones have been boiled to remove any other matter and were treated with hydrogen peroxide;
 - hides and skins either were dried or salted for a minimum of 14 days before import;
2. the game trophies were packaged in individual, transparent and closed packages;
3. the game trophies are accompanied by a **veterinary certificate** each in accordance with the model set out in Annex XV Chapter 6(A) as amended by Reg. (EU) No. 294/2013;

Treatment must be carried out in an establishment registered in the country of origin and entered into the list. The list of establishments has been published at the following internet address: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/traces/output/non_eu_listsPerActivity_en.htm
Animal by-products; [Section VI : Game trophies plants](#)

Untreated game trophies

Untreated game trophies must originate in a third country, from which the import into the European Union of all categories of fresh meat of the species the game trophy has been derived from has been allowed.

1. Game trophies consisting of untreated parts of ungulates or birds have to be accompanied by a **veterinary certificate** in accordance with the model set out in Annex XV Chapter 6(B) of Reg. (EU) No. 142/2011.
2. The game trophies must be packaged in individual, transparent and closed packages.

Control

Veterinary certificates have to be provided to the border veterinarian as original documents and comply with all requirements provided for in EU legislation, specifically those in Annex XV to Reg (EU) No 142/2011. At Austrian border inspection posts, certificates have to be provided in German also. Where this is not possible, the border veterinarian has to be provided with the original certificate and an official translation into the respective language.

The checks by a border veterinarian for imports into the EU (and consequently into Austria) have to be carried out at the first border inspection post of entry authorized for such consignments (e.g. Wien-Schwechat, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Kukuriki etc.). The border veterinarian of the border inspection post concerned has to be notified of the intended

crossing of the border at least one working day (under specific circumstances at least 4 hours) before arrival of the consignment by way of CHED-P (Common Health Entry Document).

Legal basis (to be applied as last amended):

[Reg. \(EC\) No. 1069/2009](#) (Basic Regulation on animal by-products)

[Reg. \(EU\) No. 142/2011](#) (Implementing Regulation on animal by-products)

Please bear also in mind that there may be import bans or restrictions applicable due to other EU or national legislation, e.g. financial legislation (e.g. Customs), or legislation pertaining to the protection of endangered species (CITES).

Information on customs legislation is available from the Federal Ministry of Finance on their website at: <https://www.bmf.gv.at/> under the reference "Findok" and "Zoll" (customs).

Information pertaining to the protection of endangered species is available from the website of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism (BMLRT) at:

https://www.bmlrt.gv.at/umwelt/natur-artenschutz/internat_natur_artenschutz0/cites.html

Important websites:

List of Austrian Border Control Posts

Common Health Entry Document (CHED)

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Topics/Health/Border-Control-Service.html>

Further information:

Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, department IX/B/10

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