Information on the import of research samples, trade samples and display items not intended for human consumption to Austria

When imported from third countries into the EU, products of animal origin are subject to checks at the EU external border in accordance EU legislation. The provisions regarding which consignments are to be subjected to checks by border veterinarians have been laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2007 for the entire Union (EU). In order to provide for uniform enforcement by the authorities involved in border control the CN-code has been used as the basis.

The conditions for samples for research and diagnostic purposes, trade samples and display items have been laid down in Chapter III of Reg. (EU) No 142/2011.

Research and diagnostic samples
These are defined as animal by-products and derived products intended for the following purposes: examination in the context of diagnostic activities or analysis for the promotion of progress in science and technology, in the context of educational or research activities.

National measures of the Member states apply to these samples. In Austria, a written import permit issued by the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection is required.
In order to obtain such permits an informal application to the BMSGPK (sonja.dichtl@sozialministerium.at) is required, containing the following information:

- type of goods/type of consignment
- country of provenance of the consignment(s)
- exact address at place of destination
- postal address of applicant
- and the UID-number (VAT-number) for charging the fees

Checks and clearance
The checks are to be carried out either by customs authorities or by border veterinarians, depending from the provisions of the permit.

Conditions at the place of destination
The person whom the permit is addressed to, is obliged to inform the competent district administrative authority of the arrival of the consignment at the place of destination without delay.
Any packaging material, sample material no longer needed and offal originating from the handling of the samples has to be disposed of in accordance with the conditions set out in the permit.

**Trade samples**
These are defined as animal by-products or derived products intended for particular studies or analyses authorised by the competent authority with a view to carrying out a production process, including the processing of animal by-products or derived products, the development of feedingstuff, pet food or derived products, or the testing of machinery or equipment.

This concerns products falling under CN - codes 0511 91 and 0511 99 or 3001.

Please note, that imports are allowed only from specified Third countries. The list of Third countries can be found in Annex XIV Chapter II Section 1 Table 2 No 14 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, and with regard to milk, dairy products and milk-based products in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 605/2010.

The model certificate for trade samples has been laid down in Annex XV Chapter 8. Certificates have to comply with the conditions set out in Annex XV of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 and the explanatory notes pertaining thereto have to be observed.

**Checks and clearance**
In every case the authority at the place of destination is informed electronically (TRACES).

**Conditions at the place of destination**
The person responsible for the load is obliged to inform the competent district administrative authority of the arrival of the consignment at the place of destination without delay. At this occasion, appropriate information has to be provided allowing correlation of the consignment with the CHED.

Disposal must be carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1069/2009 and Reg. (EU) No 142/2001 as provided for the respective category.

**Display items**
These are defined as animal by-products or derived products intended for exhibitions or artistic activities.
Such consignments need to be authorised by the authority of the Member state of destination. In Austria this is done, upon application, by a written permit by the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection.
In order to obtain such permits an informal application to the BMSGPK (sonja.dichtl@sozialministerium.at) is required, containing the following information:

- type of goods/type of consignment
- country of provenance of the consignment(s)
- exact address at place of destination
• postal address of applicant
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Checks and clearance
• For each consignment a CHED-P (Common Health Entry Document) has to be issued upon clearance and the competent authority responsible for the place of destination has to be informed of the import via electronic system (TRACES).
• Where consignments are cleared on behalf of other EU Member states the border veterinarian checks the compliance with the conditions set out in the import permit of the respective Member state of destination.

Conditions at the place of destination
The person responsible for the load is obliged to inform the competent district administrative authority of the arrival of the consignment at the place of destination without delay. At this occasion, appropriate information has to be provided allowing correlation of the consignment with the CHED.
Any offal originating from the handling of the samples has to be disposed of in accordance with the conditions set out in the permit.

Legal Bases (to be applied as last amended)
Reg. (EU) 2017/625
Reg. (EU) 2019/2122
Reg. (EC) No 1069/2009
Reg. (EU) No 142/2011

Please bear also in mind that there may be import restrictions or bans 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 references “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 at: https://www.bmlrt.gv.at/umwelt/natur-artenschutz/cites.html

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