



Import control of animal and plant products subject to species conservation (without a legally prescribed import licence).

At the customs office

All customs offices with goods traffic are duly authorised.

The consignment must be declared at the customs office. The declaration must be made either by using e-dec, the electronic cargo declaration process (commercial traffic) or by an oral/written announcement at the customs office (private traffic). The following documents must be presented to the customs office:

- if applicable, the original of the CITES export permit issued by the authorities of the country of provenance or
- the invoice/delivery note for the consignment

The fee for the species conservation control is collected in advance by the customs office.

Species conservation control

- **Documentation check**

For the following CITES product groups only a documentation check is required. The species conservation control offices reserve the right to order random physical checks:

- Leather goods from animal species cited in CITES Appendices II and III
- Products containing caviar extract
- Blood or tissue samples from monkeys as per CITES Appendice II for medical purposes
- Products containing extract of orchids individually packed for retail

Documentation check process

The documents relating to the consignment (copy of import declaration, CITES export permit from the country of provenance, or the invoice/delivery note of the consignment must be submitted at the chosen species conservation control office within 48 hours (two working days) of customs clearance.

- **Physical check**

All other products subject to the ordinance (SR 453.1) must, as before, be submitted to a species conservation control office within 48 hours (two working days) of customs clearance. The species conservation control office is informed in advance by customs.

Physical check process

The consignment must be submitted so that it can be checked that the contents and accompanying documents conform to each other.

The importer who is also responsible for repacking and loading the inspected consignment must provide technical aids (containers, etc.) that are not available at the species conservation control offices.

The following documents must be submitted to the control office:

- For animal and plant products cited in CITES Appendices II and III: the original of the CITES export permit issued by the authorities of the country of provenance
- For unprotected consignments the invoice/delivery note for the consignment

Consignments that do not meet the above-mentioned requirements will not be accepted for control and may be confiscated.

Processing times at some control offices are limited. There is no processing on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays (except in Zurich). Processing times and locations are listed on the next page.

Animal products from countries outside the EU, Norway and Iceland that are also subject to obligatory animal health inspections can only be inspected at the control offices in the airports of Zurich and Geneva*.

*See Annex 2 of the IETAO ordinance and regulations on importing pets.
Information on the entry customs offices authorised for these consignments is given in the document ad D. 107



Species protection Inspection offices: opening hours and locations

BASEL Schlachthofstr. 55, 4056 Basel			kanzlei.vetamt@bs.ch
Mon – Fri	09.30 – 11.30		Tel.: 061 267 58 58

GENEVA AIRPORT 20 voie des Traz, bâtiment fret, 1218 Grand-Saconnex /GE			svf-aig@blv.admin.ch
Mon – Fri	07.30 – 12.00	13.15 – 17.30	Fax: 022 717 73 49 Tel.: 022 717 73 45

ZURICH AIRPORT Freight Area, Entrance 3			
Mon - Fri	07.00 – 12.00	13.00 – 18.00	Fax: 043 816 41 40 Tel.: 043 816 41 41
Sat	08.00 – 12.00		zsgtd@blv.admin.ch
Sun*	08.00 – 17.00		* inspection only possible for direct imports via ZH airport

BERN Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office FSVO Schwarzenburgstr. 155, 3003 Bern			cites@blv.admin.ch
		advance notice needed	Tel.: 058 462 25 41

CHIASSO Servizio CITES c/o Ispettorato doganale Mendrisiotto Via Rampa, 6830 Chiasso			cites-chiasso@blv.admin.ch
Mon	10.00 – 12.00		Fax: 058 465 65 23 Tel.: 058 465 65 24
Tue + Wed	09.30 – 12.30		
Thu + Fri		13.30 – 16.30	

LE LOCLE Rue de France 91, 2400 Le Locle			cites-lelocle@blv.admin.ch
		advance notice needed	Tel.: 058 469 17 50