



IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR GERMINAL PRODUCTS (SEMEN, OOCYTES AND EMBRYOS) INTO SPAIN

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1. Border Control Posts

The importation of germinal products can only be carried out through ports/airports authorised as Border Control Post. The list of authorised Border Control Posts (BCPs) can be consulted at the following link:

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

Those BCPs that have the legend POA-NHC are those who have this authorisation:

CATEGORÍAS DE ANIMALES Y
MERCANCÍAS Y
ESPECIFICACIONES (*Categories of
animals and goods and specifications*)¹

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Given that these products are transported in cold containers, it is not necessary for the BCP to have a temperature-controlled authorisation to import these products.

2. Approved country and establishment of origin

In the case of germinal products of bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine or equine animals or ungulates from confined establishments, both the country and the establishment of origin of the products must be authorised for the category of the product concerned. The list of authorised third countries is laid down in [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404](#).

In addition, for approved establishments, they can be consulted at the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/semen-oocytes-embryos_en

3. Prior notification of the arrival of the goods

The importer, directly or through his customs representative, shall give prior notification, to the Animal Health Service of the Border Control Post before the expected arrival of the consignment. To do this, Part I of the Common Health Entry Document in the TRACES NT application must be submitted:

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

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

4. Destination of consignments

In the case of germinal products of bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine or equine animals, the centre of destination must be a registered centre, i.e. it will appear in at least one of the following registers:

- **Authorised centres for intra-Community trade (ARCA):**
Access this link: <https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/zootecnia/razas-ganaderas/establecimientos-reproduccion/>
Select the “Centers and Playback Equipment” tab in the left column to access the search engine. If the centre is authorised for intra-Community trade in the field “Scope of marketing” must indicate INTRACOMUNITARY
- **Registered National Trade Centres (ARCA):**
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Select the “Centers and Playback Equipment” tab in the left column to access the search engine. If the centre is authorised for intra-Community trade in the field ‘Scope of marketing’, it must indicate NATIONAL EXCLUSIVELY.
- Holdings registered in REGA (if this holding is not a semen collection or storage centre, import may be made, but the genetic material may not leave the holding in accordance with Royal Decree 429/2022). <https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/trazabilidad-animales/sitran/default.aspx>

In the case of germinal products of ungulates from confined establishments, the establishment of destination should also be approved as such. The lists of establishments can be found at the following link:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/directory/listing/establishment/publication/index#!/search>

5. Health Certificate of Origin

All consignments of germinal products to be imported must be accompanied by a Health Certificate of Origin.

At Community level, there are several harmonised model certificates, which are published in Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/403.

On the other hand, there are several models of non-harmonised certificates, which apply to germinal products destined for Spain, which can be consulted at the following link:

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

When the material to be imported doesn't fall under any of the said model certificates, the import conditions can be consulted writing to the following email: importacionanimal@mapa.es

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 documentation that must accompany the consignment will vary depending on the characteristics of the product to be imported, including, but not limited to:

- Fee for veterinary checks (model 080), which can be paid electronically at the following link: [Public fees and prices](#)
- Commercial shipping invoice.
- Bill of lading or airway bill.
- Other documentation relevant to the performance of the checks requested by the inspection service.