



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CANINE / FELINE GERMINAL PRODUCTS COMING FROM THIRD COUNTRIES INTO SPAIN

INTRODUCTION

The rules for the entry into the Union of germinal products of canids and felids have not been harmonised. Thus, and in accordance with article 234, paragraph 3 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, Member States may, following an assessment of the risks involved, apply national rules, provided that those standards comply with the requirements laid down in article 234 paragraph 1 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and provided that they take into account the matters referred to in articles 235 and 236 of that Regulation. With this premise, the health requirements for the introduction of these products in Spain are described below.

REQUIREMENTS

To import commercial semen, oocytes or embryos of canids and/or felids, they must comply with the following conditions:

- They come from an authorised country.
- They are accompanied by an official certificate.

1. Authorised country

Third countries, territories or zones thereof included in annex VIII of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 from which Member States authorise the entry into the Union of commercial consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets.

2. Health Certificate

The official veterinarian of the country of origin shall sign a certificate in accordance with the model of this instruction (IMP-181).

3. Establishments of origin and destination

Centers of origin must be registered in accordance with article 6 of Regulation 686/2020. They are not required to be listed or authorised, only registered.