

Procedure for importing animal by-products from non-EU countries

Introduction

Strict conditions apply to the import of animal by-products from non-EU countries. To be able to import animal by-products, an import exemption for animal by-products is required, issued by the NVWA. The MUMC+ is in possession of an ongoing, generic import exemption.

Procedure

If animal by-products are to be imported from non-EU countries, this must be reported to the BSO. The BSO is specified as the contact person for the ongoing generic import exemption for animal by-products from the NVWA. This means that the BSO should be contacted in the event of questions/problems with customs clearance. The BSO has no responsibility for the shipment and will refer any questions to the receiving researcher. If the receiving researcher is unknown, the package will remain with the customs authority or be returned to the sender. The import exemption must be sent to both the courier and sender in digital format. The sender will append it to the package.

In addition to the import exemption, the package must also be accompanied by an original document stating the nature, quantity, and origin of the animal by-products. The sender must sign the document.

If a package is sent by air, it must always enter via a recognized external border inspection post. The courier service used to transport the package can be chosen freely, but not all courier services have experience with the shipment of animal by-products and the corresponding legislation (World Courier is familiar with the shipment of animal by-products and will not send any packages without the requisite documents, they are expensive, however).

The package must always be sent to the following address:

MUMC+

P. Debyelaan 25

6229 HX, Maastricht

Attn. name of researcher

Tel. no.

Points for attention for recipient and sender

- Inform the BSO of the shipment
- Send the import exemption to the courier and sender in advance
- Original document with nature, quantity, and origin
- Write name, address, and telephone number of both the recipient and sender on the inner and outer packaging
- Shipments by air must be via recognized external border inspection posts
- The delivery address is MUMC+, P. Debyelaan 25, 6229 HX, Maastricht (place the name and telephone number between brackets so that you can be called when the package arrives)
- Contact MUMC+ goods receipt (72035) to inform them that a package is expected and to request a call when the package arrives

Abbreviations

BSO	Biosafety Officer
EU	European Union
MUMC+	Maastricht University Medical Centre+
NVWA	Dutch Food Safety Authority

References

- NVWA regulation on animal by-products <https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/dierlijke-bijproducten/regelgeving-over-dierlijke-bijproducten>
- [Website HSB Maastricht](#)

Further information

For further information, please contact the [BSO](#).