

# Import of food, feed and products of animal origin

The border inspection posts in Bremerhaven, Bremen and Cuxhaven are responsible for the import control of food and feed of animal and non-animal origin from third countries (countries outside the European Union).

Once import controls have been carried out, the consignments can be cleared through customs and are then freely tradable in the EU. They are not subject to any further controls.

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## **Basic information**

The work of the border inspection post serves to

Protect EU member states from the introduction of animal diseases from abroad

Protect consumers from health risks that may emanate from food

Protect humans and animals from feedstuffs that are hazardous to health

## **Requirements**

Creation of a GGED P ( Common Health Entry Document) for consignments of animal origin or a GGED D ( Common Health Entry Document) for food and feed of non-animal origin.

## **What documents do I need?**

- Registration form GGEDP or GGEDD for food and feed of animal or plant origin

GGED P = Common health entry document for import (animal) / GGED D = Common health entry document for import (vegetable).

- Health certificate from the third country
- if applicable, certificate of laboratory tests carried out
- Bill of Lading

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## **Procedure**

Registration of third country consignments with GGED P / GGED D , BL (Bill of Lading) as well as a valid health certificate and, if applicable, laboratory results

A document check and, depending on the product, a presentation for identity check and goods inspection takes place. The results are recorded in the GGED P / GGED D and a

decision is made on import eligibility (import permit, import under certain conditions, rejection)

## **Legal bases**

- [Verordnung \(EG\) Nr. 882/2004 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 29. April 2004 über amtliche Kontrollen zur Überprüfung der Einhaltung des Lebensmittel- und Futtermittelrechts sowie der Bestimmungen über Tiergesundheit und Tierschutz](#)

## **More information**

Special provisions for personal travel: The import of foodstuffs of animal origin from countries outside the EU is largely prohibited.

The border inspection posts in Bremen, Bremerhaven and Cuxhafen are not authorized for the clearance of live animals from third countries. There is also no border inspection post at Bremen Airport.

## **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

Pre-notification of the consignment one working day before the arrival of the consignment at the port

## **How long does it take to process**

Release immediately after presentation of the container and successful inspection. In certain cases of further laboratory tests (suspect samples), the result must be awaited. Waiting time up to one week.

## **What are the costs?**

Chargeable  
see health cost regulation