

Inspection of shipment of animals, semen, ova and embryos

Documentation check

Every shipment of animals, semen, ova and embryos that is imported into Montenegro must be subjected to a documentation check for the purpose of determining compliance with the regulations. The certificate must be on printed form, original, labeled with serial number, composed on the day of dispatch, certified and signed by the competent authority.

The certificate must be in Montenegrin and in the language of the country of origin. Additionally to the certificate that accompanies the animals a specification on the identification labels to which the certificate refers must be presented as well.

Incomplete, unclear, hand-copied, redrafted, faxed, unsigned certificates are considered inappropriate and in such cases import shall not be approved. Shipment of animals, semen, ova and embryos shall be retained at the border inspection posts until the submission of appropriate documentation.

Identification check

For the purpose of determining compatibility of the information presented in the documentation and the shipment of animals, semen, ova and embryos that are being imported, an identification check is performed on every shipment. This includes a visual inspection of the official labels that indicate the country and institution of origin of the shipment, the control veterinary number of the facility and the identification tags of the animals.

Physical check

For the purpose of determining the fulfillment of health, identification and welfare requirements, a physical check is performed on every shipment. This includes a check of the means of transport, animals, semen, ova and embryo.

Laboratory tests are carried out in accordance with the measures determined in the decision on quarantine.

When laboratory tests are performed the shipment must not be placed in circulation until results from laboratory tests are obtained and the shipment shall be under the supervision of the customs authorities and the border veterinary inspectorate. After receiving the report on quarantine, the veterinary border inspector makes a decision about the shipment – he/she approves or denies import.