



Applying transparency and predictability in SPS measures and how this can support stronger EU–Namibia trade ties

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DG SANTE AND OPEN INTERNAL EU MARKET

- DG SANTE established in the nineties, to give priority to consumer interests: public health and food safety
- Risk assessment separately, European Food Safety Authority, science-based rules
- Framework laws (Animal Health Law, Plant Health Law and Official Control Regulation) adopted by Ministers and EP, and Implementing regulations, supported by MSs' experts
- Rules are made in Brussels, one open market, based on harmonised rules. No different import requirements and no border controls between Member States
- Neither towards imports from third countries, once a product from a certain country is authorised it has access to all 27 MSs, 450 million consumers



AUTHORISATIONS

- Imports from vegetable and fruit products normally do not need an authorisation, unless they present a certain risk. Planting materials, hosts of quarantine pests
- Plant products need to comply with EU rules (labelling, GMOs, pesticides, contaminants, etc) and might become subject to increased import controls in case of non-compliances: annexes to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793
- Animal products for human consumption need a prior authorisation, reflected by their inclusion in the annexes to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 and/or 405
- EU approved residue control plan, and guarantees verified of producing in accordance with the EU animal health and hygiene rules



PROCEDURE

- And as of September 2026, also on the prohibited use of certain medicines - growth promoters and medicines dedicated to human health: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2598
- Authorisation application is composed of :1) formal request, 2) completed questionnaire, 3) system audit and 4) legislative procedure
- Animal products enter the EU via dedicated Border Control Posts, supervised by the Member States and overseen by the European Commission, also via working groups



NAMIBIA EXPORTS TO THE EU

- EU approved residue control plan for bovine and ovine meat and wild game (annex –I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405)
- Hygiene (CIR 2021/405): wild game/solipeds, fishery products and gelatine and collagen
- Animal health (CIR 2021/404):
 - dogs, cats and ferrets (commercial moves),
 - fresh meat of ungulates, matured & deboned and south of cordon fences
 - sterilised meat products, ungulates and porcines
- Dairy, risk mitigating measures
- VMP regulation: bovine and ovine meat



FURTHER INFORMATION

- More information of the import requirements for animal products can be found on this webpage: [Products of animal origin for human consumption - Food Safety](#)
- And on plants and plant products here: [Trade in plants & plant products from non-EU countries - Food Safety](#)
- For composite products here: [composite products - Food Safety - European Commission](#)
- Introduction into: [TRACES](#)

