

# FSVO - CITES export

## 1. General

### 1.1 The issue at hand

The CITES Convention is an international trade convention designed to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of animal and plant populations. International cooperation is intended to prevent international trade from resulting in overexploitation of animal and plant species that are endangered or threatened with extinction.

When exported, protected animal and plant species must be accompanied by an [FSVO](#) certificate.

### 1.2 Basis and information

- Federal Act on the Trade in Protected Animal and Plant Species (FA-CITES; [SR 453](#));
- Ordinance on the Trade in Protected Animal and Plant Species (O-CITES; [SR 453.0](#));
- FDHA Ordinance on the Control of the Trade in Protected Animal and Plant Species (CITES Control Ordinance; [SR 453.1](#));
- [List](#) of specimens that have to be declared when exported.

### 1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff items that are often relevant under species protection law contain the note "Authorisation obligation: FSVO-CITES". However, in principle, goods under any tariff number may contain components of protected animals or plants. If this is the case, the corresponding authorisation obligation/regulation/code has to be entered in the customs declaration, even if there is no note to this effect in Tares (**general clause**).

### 1.4 Terminology

Protected animal and plant species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Animal and plant species specified in <a href="#">appendices I to III</a> to the CITES Convention</li><li>- Animal and plant species whose specimens are removed from the wild in such quantities or traded in such quantities as to endanger sustainable usage of natural stocks</li><li>- Animal and plant species whose specimens can easily be confused with species listed in CITES appendices I to III</li></ul>
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## 2. Information in the customs/goods declaration

Anyone exporting protected animal or plant species must provide an indication in the goods declaration regarding the restriction obligation and enter the FSVO authorisation (CITES certificate).

<b>Identification</b> Regulation	Passar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Regulation 1 (yes)</li><li>- Regulation code 310 «FSVO - CITES Export»</li></ul>
	e-dec: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Authorisation obligation «yes»</li><li>- Authorising authority «FSVO-CITES»</li></ul>
<b>Additional information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Authorisation number (CITES certificate number)</li><li>- Authorisation holder<sup>1</sup></li><li>- Authorisation item number<sup>1</sup></li><li>- Goods specification - Latin name<sup>2</sup></li><li>- Actual quantity unit<sup>2</sup></li><li>- Actual quantity number<sup>2</sup></li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Only for declarations in the Passar system

<sup>2</sup> Declaration in the Passar system: additional Information / Declaration in e-dec: Description of Goods

### **3. Further information**

#### **Authentication of documents**

When exporting/re-exporting protected animal or plant species that are subject to the CITES Convention, the consignor must submit the necessary documents to the customs office for authentication. The office stamps the documents and indicates the animals or products actually exported in the fields provided.