

FSVO - CITES Export

1. General

1.1 Background

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 a CITES certificate from the [FSVO](#).

1.2 Legal 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 items to be declared during export.

1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff items that are often relevant under species protection law contain the note "Permit obligation: FSVO-CITES". However, in principle, goods under any tariff heading may contain components of protected animals or plants. If this is the case, the corresponding permit 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 Definitions

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| Protected animals and plants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Animal and plant species specified in appendices I to III to the CITES Convention; |
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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 regulation obligation and enter the FSVO permit (CITES certificate).

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| Identification Regulation | Passar: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regulation 1 (yes)- Regulation code 310 "FSVO - CITES Export" |
| | e-dec: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Authorisation requirement "yes"- Authorising authority "FSVO-CITES" |
| Additional details | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Permit number (CITES certificate number)- Permit holder¹- Permit item number¹- Goods specification - Latin name²- Actual amount, unit¹- Actual amount, number¹ |

3. Further information

Authentication of documents

¹ Only for declarations in Passar

² Declaration in Passar: additional attribute / declaration in e-dec: designation of goods

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

Validity of the CITES certificate/one-time use

A CITES certificate is valid for a one-time export (goods declaration). A new certificate must be requested for goods that are exported with another goods declaration. The principle of "1 certificate = 1 goods declaration" applies.