

ENTRY, TRANSIT AND DEPARTURE OF CARGO

A list of the applicable rules can be consulted in section GEN 1.6. In the sections below, a descriptive summary is offered to help airspace users, although if there is any discrepancy, the Rule will prevail over the content of the AIP. The information contained in this section is not subject to the AIP quality management requirements.

CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

1. EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

With the implementation of the current European Union (EU) regulations, customs controls and formalities applicable to the movement of goods between EU Member States have been abolished for flights within the European Union.

2. REST OF THE WORLD

For of commercial shipments the following documents are required for the customs clearance of goods at Spanish airports:

- Commercial invoice of the shipment.
- Certificate of origin or equivalent (EUR.1; FORM “A”).
- Import licence and certificate, if necessary, from the Health and/or Trade Authorities. See section on health requirements.

Simplified customs documentation may be used for shipments of low value.

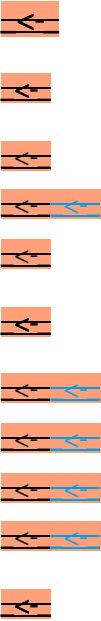
Air cargo simply being transhipped from one flight to another, at the same airport under customs supervision, shall be included in the departure manifest of the aircraft receiving the cargo.

Where cargo and other goods are transferred to another Spanish international airport, a manifest (Route-Manifest) shall be submitted. If they are bound for a foreign airport no special formalities are required, although the cargo shall remain under customs supervision and submission of the transit manifest and the shipment list may be required. No clearance documents are required with respect to goods retained on board the aircraft leaving for a destination outside Spain.

For exports, the following documents are required for the clearance of shipments to be exported by air:

- Customs document.
- Sanitary certificates and quality control (SOIVRE), when required.
- Trading authorization for export, when required. See section on health requirements.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS





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A. EXPORTS (to third countries).

a. Certain products intended for human consumption or use:

The requirements to be fulfilled shall be those of the third country of destination. Food products are generally accompanied by the Official Health Certificate for exports, set forth in Ministry Order dated 12 May 1993 (Official State Gazette -BOE- 21-5-93). The following products are subject to health controls at the airport of departure: meat, meat products, fishing products, milk, dairy products, composite products and pharmaceutical products.

b. Products of plant origin subject to phytosanitary requirements, whether or not intended for human use or consumption:

The phytosanitary control requirements for products of plant origin intended for export are those laid down by the importing countries. The relevant Spanish legislation governing the export of plants and products of plant origin is Royal Decree 387/2021 of 1 June (Official State Gazette -BOE- 25-06-2021). Specifically, Article 26 of the aforesaid Royal Decree stipulates that phytosanitary control measures shall generally be carried out at Border Control Posts (BCP); however, they may also be carried out at centres designated and authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA).

c. Products of animal origin not intended for human consumption, products of non-animal origin intended for animal feed and veterinary pharmaceutical and biological products:

The relevant legislation is Act 8/2003 of 24 April on Animal Health (Official State Gazette -BOE- 25-04-2003).

d. Live animals:

The applicable legislation is Royal Decree 990/2022 of 29 November, on rules for animal health and protection during transport (Official State Gazette -BOE- 30-11-2022).

1. Exported as goods/cargo:

Article 18 of the aforesaid Royal Decree stipulates that vertebrate animals shall be exported through airports designated as Points of Exit (PoE).

2. Pets:

Pets travelling in the hold (as checked baggage) are subject to the aforesaid Article 18; they must therefore depart from airports



with facilities designated as Points of Exit.

Further information at:

https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/export/certificados_exportacion

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/agricultura/temas/comercio-exterior-vegetal/exportaciones>

B. **IMPORTS (from third countries)**

a. **Products intended for human consumption or use:**

These products must be imported via airports with facilities designated as Border Control Posts (BCPs) that hold POA-HC and/or PNAO-HC-FOOD authorisations for products intended for human consumption, and PNAO-NHC-OTHER-NT authorisations for products for human use (FCMs: Food Contact Materials). In case of products of plant origin intended for human consumption, the BCP must also hold authorisation P/PP/PP(WP)/OO, or at least P/PP, as applicable.

b. **Products of plant origin not intended for human consumption:**

Products of plant origin shall enter via airports with facilities designated as Border Control Posts and which hold the corresponding P/PP/PP(WP)/OO authorisation.

c. **Products of animal origin not intended for human consumption, products of non-animal origin intended for animal feed and veterinary pharmaceutical and biological products:**

These products must be imported via airports with facilities designated as BCPs and holding POA-NHC and/or PNAO-NHC-FEED authorisations, or as Points of Entry (PE).

d. **Live animals:**

1. **Imported as goods/cargo:**

These animals shall enter via airports with facilities designated as Border Control Posts and which hold the corresponding LA-U/E/O authorisation.

In addition to the above, species protected under CITES may only enter via authorised points for international trade in CITES specimens.

2. **Pets:**

With certain exceptions, the movement of pets from third countries does not take place via BCP facilities, but via terminal buildings at airports designated as authorised Travellers' Points of Entry for the inspection of pets in non-commercial movements. The basic criteria for these movements, as well as the airports designated as Travellers' Points of Entry, are available on the MAPA website.

In exceptional circumstances, pets may enter via designated BCPs for LA-O when they are non-commercial animals, but are required to travel under those conditions as when, for example, they are not accompanied by their owner.

Assistance dogs may enter through any airport, provided that prior authorisation has been obtained from the Official Border Control Service (SCOF) of the competent Delegation or Sub-Delegation. Dogs, cats, ferrets and pet birds originating from countries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2026/636 (Andorra, Switzerland, Vatican City, etc.) may enter through any airport.

e. **Medicinal products for human use:**

Health controls on these products shall be performed at the time of importing at the inspection centres located within the customs facilities listed in Annex II to Order SPI/2136/2011, provided that specific customs facilities are not designated in the regulations governing a particular product or group of products.

Further information at:

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/import/>

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/agricultura/temas/comercio-exterior-vegetal/importaciongeneral>

<https://cites.comercio.gob.es/es-es/Control-Aduanas/Paginas/default.aspx>

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/desplazamiento-animales-compania/>

Advance notification of imports

Pursuant to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1013 of 16 April 2019 on the prior notification of consignments of



certain categories of animals and goods entering the Union, the operator responsible for a consignment falling within the categories of animals and goods referred to in Article 47(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 shall notify the competent authority at the Border Control Post (BCP) of first arrival in the Union at least one working day before the expected arrival of the consignment.

In the case of imports of products of non-animal origin intended for animal feed, the prior notification requirements applicable to the operator are set out in Royal Decree 932/2025 of 21 October.

C. **RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES**

The Official Border Control Service (SCOF), operating under the Directorate-General for Animal Health, Agri-food Production Health and Animal Welfare of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA), is responsible for carrying out sanitary and phytosanitary controls on both live animals and products. Concerning live animals, controls apply to both commercial movements and the non-commercial movement of companion animals.

Regarding products, controls cover consignments of animal and non-animal origin intended for human consumption or use, or for animal feed, plant products not intended for human or animal consumption, and veterinary medicinal, pharmaceutical and biological products.

Control of protected species (CITES) falls under the responsibility of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge and is carried out by the Official Customs Inspection, Surveillance and Regulation Service (SOIVRE), operating under the Secretary of State for Trade of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business. In addition, SOIVRE is responsible for the control of organic products, as well as commercial quality and industrial safety inspections.

The Pharmaceutical Inspection Service is responsible for the control of pharmaceutical products, medicines and related derivatives. This Service operates under the Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices (AEMPS) of the Ministry of Health.