

**Approved by order Ü-12 dated 16 May 2018 of the Azerbaijan Republic  
Food Safety Agency**

**Veterinary Requirements  
to Importing hunting trophies to the Republic of Azerbaijan.**

1. Importation of hunting trophies obtained from animals and birds is allowed to Azerbaijan Republic, provided that they have undergone complete taxidermy processing, ensuring their preservation at room temperature, and subjected to the measures provided for by the CITES Convention on the Protection of Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, regulating the trade in these species.

The importation of hunting trophies derived from animals that come within the CITES Convention is permitted only in the presence of permission of the CITES authority of the exporting country

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of the CITES convention, hunting trophies that have not undergone taxidermy processing should comply with the following conditions:

a) be derived from animals (birds) originating from territories of officially free from infectious animal diseases, including:

for all animal species:

- African swine fever - during the last 3 years in the country's territory;
- foot and mouth disease - during the last 12 months in the country's territory;
- rabies - during the last 12 months on the territory of the hunting ground, or other habitat;

for large cloven-hoofed ruminants:

- Rinderpest and contagious pleuropneumonia, vesicular stomatitis, peste petits des ruminants, bluetongue - within 12 months in the country's territory;
- infectious lumpy skin disease (lumpy) of cattle, Rift Valley fever, - during 3 years in the country;

for small cloven-hoofed ruminants:

- Rift Valley fever, peste petits des ruminants, - during 3 years in the country's territory;
- Q-fever, bluetongue - during the last 12 months in the country's territory;
- Maedi-Visna, arthritis-encephalitis, - during the last 3 years on the territory of a hunting ground or other habitat;
- sheep pox and goat pox - during the last 12 months on the territory of a hunting ground or other habitat.

for small non-ruminant animals:

- classical swine fever, Aujeszky's disease, enterovirus encephalomyelitis of pigs (Teschen disease) - during the last 12 months on the territory of a hunting ground or other habitat;

for solipeds:

- Glanders, infectious encephalomyelitis of all type equines, viral arteritis - during the last 3 years in the country;
- equine infectious anemia, dourine, epizootic lymphangitis, equine infectious metritis - within 12 months on the territory of a hunting ground or other habitat

for feather game (fowl):

- avian influenza of all serotypes and Newcastle disease, - within 6 months on the administrative territory;
- smallpox diphtheria, ornithosis, plague of ducks - within 6 months on the territory of the hunting ground.

b) comply with the conditions laid down in Sections 3 or 4, if they were derived from animals originating from areas unhealthy for animal diseases listed above.

3. In relation to hunting trophies consisting of bone, horns, hoofs, claws, teeth should:

(a) be immersed in boiling water for a period of time sufficient to ensure that any other substances other than horns, bones, hooves or teeth are removed;

(b) be disinfected by means of a product that has the permission of the competent authorities for such processing, in particular:

- gamma irradiation in a dose of at least 20 kGy at room temperature (20 deg, or more);

- treatment with hydrogen peroxide in relation to parts consisting of bone;

- soak with a rinsing in a 4% solution of sodium carbonate at pH 11.5 or higher for at least of 48 hours;

- soak with rinsing in formalin acid (100 kg of sodium chloride and 12 kg of formaldehyde per 1,000 liters of water) at pH below 3.0 for at least of 48 hours;

(c) be packed immediately after processing into separate, transparent and sealed bags, without contact with other animal products that can infect them, in order to avoid subsequent infection, and

(d) be accompanied by a veterinary certificate confirming the fulfillment of the above conditions.

Conducting one of these treatments should be indicated in the international veterinary certificate accompanying the consignment. In this case, hunting trophies should not contain muscle and fat tissues, bone marrow, encephalon and spinal cord, eyes, cartilage, tendons.

4. In relation to hunting trophies consisting exclusively of hides and skins. Trophies should:

a) be completely dried out, on the assumption of the absence of residues of skin, meat and tendons, or treated with dry or wet salt for at least 14 days before shipment or processed other than tanning, in one of the following methods:

- soak with a rinsing in a 4% solution of sodium carbonate at pH 11.5 or higher for at least of 48 hours;

- soak with rinsing in formalin acid (100 kg of sodium chloride and 12 kg of formaldehyde per 1,000 liters of water) at pH below 3.0 for at least of 48 hours;

b) be packed immediately after processing into separate, transparent and sealed bags, without contact with other animal products that can infect them, in order to avoid subsequent infection, and

c) be accompanied by a veterinary certificate confirming the fulfillment of the above conditions, signed by the state veterinarian of the exporting country and drawn up in the language of the exporting country and in English.

Importation of hunting trophies into the Republic of Azerbaijan is possible only after receiving by the importer the written permission from the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.