

## Border inspection post: import of food, feed and products of animal origin

The border inspection posts in Bremerhaven, Bremen and Cuxhaven are responsible for the import control of food and feed of animal and non-animal origin from third countries (countries outside the European Union).

Once the import controls have been carried out, the consignments can be cleared through customs and then traded freely in the EU. They are not subject to any further controls.

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## Basic information

The work of the border inspection post serves the protection of the EU states against the introduction of animal diseases from abroad  
protection of consumers against health risks that may emanate from food  
protection of people and animals against feed that is hazardous to health

## Requirements

Establishment of a CVED (Common Import Document) for consignments of animal origin  
or a CED (Common Import Document) for food and feed of non-animal origin

## What documents do I need?

- Registration form CVED or CVED for food of animal or plant origin

GVDE = Common veterinary document for import (animal) / CED = Common veterinary document for import (plant)

- Health certificate from the third country
- if applicable, certificate of laboratory tests carried out
- Bill of Lading

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## Procedure

Registration of consignments from third countries with CVED/GVDE/GDE, BL (Bill of Lading) as well as valid health certificate and, if necessary, laboratory results

A documentary check is carried out and, depending on the product, a presentation for identity control and physical inspection takes place. The results are recorded in the CVED /

CVED and a decision is taken on the eligibility for import (import permit, import under certain conditions, rejection).

## Legal bases

- [Verordnung \(EG\) Nr. 882/2004 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 29. April 2004 über amtliche Kontrollen zur Überprüfung der Einhaltung des Lebensmittel- und Futtermittelrechts sowie der Bestimmungen über Tiergesundheit und Tierschutz](#)

## More information

Special provisions for personal travel: The import of food of animal origin from countries outside the EU is largely prohibited.

The border inspection posts in Bremen, Bremerhaven and Cuxhafen are not approved for the clearance of live animals from third countries. There is also no border control point at Bremen Airport.

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Pre-notification of the consignment one working day before the arrival of the consignment at the port

## How long does it take to process

Release immediately after presentation of the container and successful inspection. In certain cases of further laboratory tests (suspect samples), the result must be awaited. Waiting time up to one week.

## What are the costs?

Chargeable  
see health cost regulation