

Border Inspections

Commercial import of agricultural and livestock goods across land borders

In order to meet the main objective of minimizing the risk of introduction of pests and diseases that affect the country's agriculture and livestock sector, the SENASICA has a network of Agriculture and Livestock Health Inspection Departments (OISA) located at the borders.

The inspection, surveillance and certification process is carried out at verification and inspection points, authorized by this agency, either abroad, in the fiscal area or on the border strip.

In order to make a commercial import of goods regulated by this agency, a formal procedure request must be submitted through a customs agent. The agent is the legal representative of the importer before the Federal Departments involved in international merchandise trade. This request must be accompanied by supporting documentation that covers compliance with phytosanitary and zoosanitary regulations.

Once this requirement is met, the physical inspection of the goods is carried out in order to verify that they comply with the organoleptic and physical characteristics of the product, that they do not have pests and, in the case of live animals, that they do not have ectoparasites, wounds or physical evidence of any disease.

When the regulations require it, samples are taken and sent for analysis to an official laboratory approved by SADER

If the shipment meets the documentary and physical inspections, the products are certified and entered into the country. Otherwise, the products are rejected with option to be reconditioned or destroyed according to the stipulated procedure.