

Procedure for examination of applications for import and export of Items under restricted list.

1. The import and export of items like live animals, germplasm and other items used for animal husbandry purposes that are categorized as restricted in the EXIM Policy of Government of India, requires license from the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).
2. The importer(s) of live animal and animal origin materials require pre-import no objection from the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and need to fulfil the quarantine and animal health certificate requirement at the time of import.
3. The importer and exporter intending to export or import of such items, they need to file an application as per prescribed format to DGFT (<http://dgft.gov.in>)
4. The DGFT in turn will forward the application to Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture for comments.
5. All the applications received from DGFT are deliberated in a Committee on Trade and Investment Matters under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Trade) to decide on the cases. The technical comments received from the line divisions are deliberated by the members of the Committee present in the meeting, the Committee on Trade and Investment Matters takes decision. At least two meetings of the Committee are held in a month.
7. The recommendation of the Trade Committee is communicated to DGFT for their further processing of application for license.
8. The import of live animals is allowed only through air port and sea port of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata where the quarantine facilities are available.
- 9). The importers of the live animals before embarkment of the animals from the foreign port, should obtain permission for embarkment from the Regional Officer/ Quarantine Officer of the ports mentioned at point 8 above after showing a copy of import license issued by the DGFT and a copy of Health Certificate issued by the Official Veterinarian of the exporting country as per the requirement of health certificate enclosed with the license by DGFT. This permission needs to be obtained from the Regional Officer/ Quarantine Officer seven days before embarkment (relaxable upto three days depending on the pressing circumstances).
- 10) The testing for diseases as prescribed in the health certificate should be conducted in the exporting country and all the test report need to be accompanied with the animals.
- 11) The animals will be quarantined in the government quarantine station of the above mentioned ports for a period stipulated in the health certificate enclosed with the license.

