

FOAG – Breeding Animals

1. General

1.1 Background

Anyone importing breeding animals under tariff numbers 0102.21, 0102.29, 0102.31, 0102.39 and 0102.90 within the tariff quota must hold quota shares that have been acquired at auction by the Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG) or transferred from a third party. The conditions for participation are set out in the auction information (see www.ekontingente.admin.ch). In addition, the animals must be accompanied by a pedigree certificate.

1.2 Legal basis and information

- Ordinance of 29 October 2025 on Animal Breeding (Animal Breeding Ordinance, TZV; [SR 916.310](#))

1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff headings that are relevant from an agricultural law perspective contain the note “Non-customs provisions: FOAG - Breeding animals”.

1.4 Definitions

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| Purebred breeding animals | Animals with documented ancestry of a specific breed that meets the requirements of the TZV. |
| Pedigree certificate | Official document confirming the origin and pedigree of a purebred breeding animal. It contains important information such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identification of the animal (e.g. ear tag)• Information about the parents (mother and father)• Breed• Information about the breeder• Further breeding information and evidence |
| Individual identification number | <p>In connection with the TZV and the pedigree certificate, the identification usually refers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ear tag number or transponder number (RFID) <p>This number is noted on the pedigree certificate and serves to uniquely identify the animal throughout its life and to track its origin and movements.</p> |

2. Information in the customs/goods declaration

Anyone importing breeding animals within the tariff quota must provide an indication in the goods declaration regarding the regulation requirement and enter the pedigree certificate and the individual identification number in accordance with the TZV.

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| Identification Regulation | e-dec: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NZE mandatory code “Yes”- NZE type code 704 “FOAG - Breeding animals” |
| Additional details | “Documentation” section type “2501 Pedigree certificate breeding animals” <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Format: “Pedigree certificate number / Individual identification number, date, individual identification number”¹ |
| Presentation of the supporting document | The pedigree certificate must be presented in physical form at the request of the FOCBS. |
| Exemption | If the FOAG approves the import of an animal that does not meet the definition (e.g. for the preservation of endangered breeds) within the tariff quota, a corresponding confirmation from the FOAG must also be presented to the FOCBS in physical form upon request. In the “Documentation” section, “FOAG authorisation” must be noted as additional information on the pedigree certificate. |

¹ If the pedigree certificate is not numbered, only the individual identification number of the animal shall be indicated.

3. Further information

In the event of missing or invalid certificates, customs clearance within the partial tariff quota will be refused.

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