

# INSPECTION OF TRANSIT CONSIGNMENTS and CONSIGNMENTS IMPORTED TO FINLAND AT ARRIVAL AND EXIT BORDER INSPECTION POSTS (18000 / 11.6.2013)



**IMPORTER  
at arrival  
BIP**

Notifies BIP of import in TRACES program before consignment arrives in EU and notifies more precise arrival time of consignment by telephone at least 12 hours beforehand

Presents original health certificate and precompleted 1st page of original arrival CVED to customs, and gives customs copy of CVED (certificate for identity check only completed if needed)

Takes health certificate (if necessary also certificate for identity check) and CVED to BIP. Ensures that consignment is moved to Hakuninmaa BIP for identity check during working hours (consignment must arrive at BIP on working days before 15.00).

Receives original health certificate and original arrival CVED + 1 copy from BIP

Presents arrival CVED to customs  
Ensures that consignment is moved to border inspection within 7 days of arrival of consignment in port

**CUSTOMS  
at arrival  
BIP**

Checks from ship's manifest what consignments to be routed to border inspection. Performs initial document ary check. Both for consignments imported to Finland and transit consignments, enters arrival BIP (Port of Helsinki) of consignment and time in copy of arrival CVED received from importer, faxes it to arrival BIP border veterinarian (Port of Helsinki), and gives it to importer.

For transit consignments charges border inspection fee at Port of Helsinki in advance (ministerial decree on chargeable services by Evira section 5.2.4.2, 160.00 €) (if customs performs identity check in exceptional cases, **fee charged only for documentary check, section 5.2.4.1, 84.00 €**)

Customs specifies transit route at Port of Helsinki (T1 or TIR carnet), which is Western Harbour -Hakuninmaa-Vaalimaa. If necessary, customs enters number of new seal on transit declaration or a separate certificate.

Customs no longer performs identity checks for any consignment (apart from ship supply consignments). All consignments incl. transit consignments are subject to an identity check by border veterinarian, in Helsinki at BIP, in Hamina at container yard

Customs at border crossing point receives arrival CVED faxed by border veterinarian

Customs oversees movement of sealed consignment from BIP to warehouse, and/or from there to third country using T-1 procedure  
If consignment has to be transferred from one vehicle (container) to another during transport, this can be done at BIP (approved warehouses for reloading no longer exist)

Rejects consignment (stamp, invalidation of documents, order for consignment to be stored at BIP, labelling of consignment) and enters place of disposal, 60 day deadline and BIP of exit in CVED and issues decision to importer and Evira

OR

**BORDER VETERINARIAN,  
CUSTOMS and IMPORTER AT BIP**

Transporter shows import CVED to customs at BIP of exit for exit check.

If notification indicates EC requirements are met, performs documentary check, identity check and physical check at BIP. If check indicates requirements not met, consignment rejected. If met, released = approved for import to EU.

Approves consignment and completes CVED in TRACES, prints and faxes to customs at arrival port (border inspection stamp and payment stamp) and for transit consignments to customs at exit BIP to ensure that the consignment actually leaves the EU.

**Border veterinarian  
at arrival  
BIP**

Receives TRACES notification, health certificate and copy and customs notification of date by which consignment must reach BIP.  
Ensures that border inspection fee paid in advance

Verifies that product  
1. does not contravene safeguard measure  
2. not the subject of a RASFF alert  
3. has not been rejected previously.  
Enters reference to customs document in CVED.

If notification indicates EC requirements not met, border veterinarian at Port of Helsinki performs documentary check and identity check in the form of simple seal check on all consignments at BIP and Hamina border veterinarian performs documentary check and identity check in the form of simple seal check on container in container yard. However, simple seal check only sufficient if consignment accompanied by health certificate conforming to EU model (detailed under N.B.), and containing seal number, otherwise container is opened, and conformity of packages and documents checked.

If seals are not intact or information on seals does not match import documents accompanying import consignment and CVED or if container opened because suspected, container opened and identity check performed. Border veterinarian at Helsinki and Hamina ports must open container at BIP. **Also random physical check based on risk analysis is performed for 5% of consignments, anyway at least 12 consignments/year, where 1-2% of the cartons of one consignment are selected evenly from different parts of the container to be checked. If needed, the consignment shall be unloaded partially or completely. Physical check is performed to make sure that the required transport temperature has been maintained, and the package material and labeling fulfill the requirements, and that the number and weight of the packages match the information in the import documentation and CVED (visual check). When there is suspicion that the consignment does not meet the provisions, the border veterinarian may choose 2-10 from the cartons for the physical check for further examination. Primarily for sensory evaluation, and laboratory tests taken from the cartons mentioned if needed. Border veterinarian faxes CVED after sealing the opened cartons and the vehicle, with new seal number for exiting consignment, to exit BIP. The BIP of entry sends by e-mail the information of consignments checked to the BIP of exit after each check performed.**

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N.B. Meat and dairy product consignments, and by-products as of 24.5.2008, must be accompanied by transit/veterinary certificate conforming to EU model.  
Fee for consignments where container is opened charged based on weight minus advance fee charged by customs. For consignments checked randomly, no fee charged on top of advance fee charged by customs. If container opened because of suspicion, but consignment conforms with requirements, fee may be charged at Vaalimaa. Arrival BIP faxes CVED and details of fee to be charged to Vaalimaa. If check performed at Port of Helsinki resulting from problems with documentation or seals or because of suspicion reveals irregularities, consignment must be returned to port customs for payment of fee.

Stores copy of CVED and other documents relating to consignment and any test findings at BIP (staples together)

Customs receives CVED faxed by border veterinarian at arrival BIP showing new seal number to indicate exiting consignment. If the seal number has not changed, customs checks the exiting consignments from TRACES-email. Customs checks seals to verify consignment matches, comparing seal number to health certificate or CVED (not to TIR carnet). If seals are not intact or information on seals does not match import documents accompanying import consignment and CVED or if irregularity suspected, container opened, and conformity of packages and documents checked, for which customs charges fee based on weight, when performed by border veterinarian. No fee charged if container opened by customs. Customs marks exit on CVED and transmits it to border veterinarian at BIP of exit. Customs ensures exit mark is on CVED of each consignment in same container. Customs at Vaalimaa confirms new seal number faxed by arrival BIP in transit declaration.

Border veterinarian verifies exiting consignments from Traces messages. Border veterinarian informed of exit of consignment by customs, enters details in TRACES system, in control part of certificate.  
The BIP of exit e-mails the notification of exit to Hakuninmaa BIP .If border vet does not receive this information, checks destination of consignment with customs. The BIP veterinarian of Vaalimaa and Hamina also sends by email information of the fee collected to Hakuninmaa.