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# European Union - Display Items for Trade Shows

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The European Union (EU) defines “display items” as: **animal by-products or derived products intended for exhibitions or artistic activities.**

**No government export certificate or APHIS approval**

is required or available for the export of display items to the EU.

**Requirements to export “display items” to the EU:**

1. The importer in the EU must contact the Ministry of Animal Health in the importing EU country and obtain permission to import the display item. The EU authority should explain to the importer the importer’s obligations related to the import.
2. Prior to export, the consignment must be packed in packaging preventing any leakage.
3. The consignment must be accompanied by a “commercial document” (a company document). The exporter should have their importer work with the Ministry of Animal Health in the importing country to determine the acceptability of the form and content of the commercial document prior to shipment. APHIS does not review or endorse the commercial document. No reference to APHIS approval should appear on the commercial document. At this time there is no “standard” format published by the EU for the commercial document. However, the

commercial document must include the following specifics:

- a. Description of the material and the animal species of origin;
- b. Category of the material [as defined by Regulation (EC) 1069/2009];
- c. Quantity of the material;
- d. Place of dispatch of the material;
- e. Name and address of the consignor;
- f. Name and address of the consignee; and
- g. Details allowing the identification of the authorisation of the competent authority of destination. (E.g. if the pertinent Ministry of Animal Health in the importing EU country issued an import permit when they granted the permission to import the display item, a copy of the import permit could be attached).

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