

## **Hair/Wool**

No certification is required for the import of hair/wool into the EU.

If the hair/wool is “fully treated”, no documentation or APHIS approval is required. The exporter should have their importer confirm in advance with the Border Inspection Post (BIP) through which the product will enter the EU that the hair/wool is considered fully treated. In general hair/wool is considered by the EU to be fully treated if the wool/hair has undergone factory washing or been obtained as a by-product of the tanning of hides/skins.

If the hair/wool is not “fully treated,” there is still no government certification required (or available). **However, the untreated hair/wool must be shipped from a U.S. facility that has been approved by APHIS Veterinary Services to ship untreated hair/wool to the EU. These facilities must be listed in Section III of TRACES.**

Italian BIPS require consignments of greasy hair/wool (hair/wool that is not “fully treated”) to be accompanied by a “CERTIFICATE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ORIGIN FOR THE IMPORT OF GREASY WOOL” signed only by the Italian importer. APHIS does not sign anything for these consignments.

Note regarding the “stamp of importer” on the “CERTIFICATE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ORIGIN FOR THE IMPORT OF GREASY WOOL”: Italian importers have confirmed that the stamp is not required.