

Hides and Trophies of Wild Game Animals

Finished game trophies (stable at room temperature): **APHIS does not endorse certificates for fully finished game trophies (including hides from game) for export to Russia.** Russia does not require APHIS certification for fully processed game trophies that are stable at room temperatures. The importer will be required to present a copy of the receipt from the taxidermist showing that the trophy/hide was processed and bought from a store. As always, exporters should consult the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding potential CITES requirements.

Game trophies that are disinfected but not fully finished: Russia requires the “*Veterinary certificate for game trophies exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union*” for hides and trophies (other than fully finished game trophies) collected from wild game animals. The only point on the certificate which is verifiable is point b:

Game trophies were subjected to disinfection in compliance with the requirements of the country of the trophies’ origin in case they were obtained from animals coming from the territories with unfavorable situation in relation to the above mentioned animal diseases.

This requires APHIS inspection of taxidermist to verify disinfectant procedures so partially finished game trophies must be disinfected at taxidermists that have been inspected by APHIS within the previous 365 days. As always, exporters should consult the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding potential CITES requirements, and CITES documentation should be reviewed by the endorsing office prior to certificate endorsement.

Untreated game trophies (game trophies that have not been disinfected): Untreated game trophies are not eligible for export to the Russian Federation at this time. (The Russian Federation requires certification that cannot be verified for the United States.)