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Trophies

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Introduction

The *Trophies* section covers ruminant and swine trophies that include hides and skins; and bones and other bony tissue (including antlers horns, hoofs, skulls, tusks, and teeth); and bird trophies of the entire carcass, the eviscerated carcass, or **only** the skin and feathers with head and feet attached.

Trophies are usually obtained during hunting expeditions, and are imported either fully taxidermy finished or not fully taxidermy finished (unfinished). USDA, APHIS regulations allow for the **unrestricted entry** of fully taxidermy finished trophies. Fully taxidermy finished

trophies are those trophies that have been professionally cleaned (free of dirt, blood, insects, putrid odors, etc.) and processed. Fully taxidermy finished trophies have been professionally prepared (may be stuffed and/or mounted) for the purpose of personal exhibition. Look for evidence of professional cleaning and processing. If unable to determine that the trophy has been fully taxidermy finished, then regulate the trophy as not fully taxidermy finished. If fully taxidermy finished trophies are shipped with not fully taxidermy finished trophies (unfinished), then regulate the entire shipment as not fully taxidermy finished trophies.



If swine hides from regions affected with ASF are fully mounted and ready for display or exhibition **only**, then the hides are allowed **unrestricted** entry.

Regulate the following as trophies:

- ◆ One to two skulls or horns
- ◆ Skulls or horns that have been lacquered or painted (finished)
- ◆ Cattle skulls that are clean and dry and free from undried pieces of hide, flesh, and sinew, that are imported for display
- ◆ One or two sets of antlers
- ◆ More than two (2) skulls, horns or sets of antlers etc., if the hunter provides a copy of the hunting license/permit, or other documentation that clearly demonstrates lawful possession of the trophy from the country of origin. The license/permit or other documentation must be issued by the foreign government (at the Federal, Regional, or Departmental level), and not by the outfitter. This documentation must be in English or must be accompanied by a government endorsed English translation. This document should identify the animal species and, if applicable, indicate the quantity of animals allowed to be hunted. USDA limits the quantity of bone trophies allowed to be imported to those taken from two (2) animals unless a greater quantity is authorized by the hunting license/permit or other documentation.



Bones and antlers are regulated from all countries because of anthrax.

What Is Not Covered

This section **does not** cover the following:

- ◆ Antlers or bones entering as commercial importations
 - ❖ Consider a large quantity of unfinished antlers or bones as a commercial importation, and regulate as bones rather than trophies
 - ❖ Go to the *Reference* section ***Bones and Related By-Products***

Keep in mind that the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior (FWS) may also regulate the trophies under wildlife laws: The Endangered Species Act (ESA), and The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Procedures



Be sure to check for ticks on trophies. If ticks are found on trophies from Mexico, see [Trophy Hides or Skins of Ruminants from Mexico that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished](#) on page 3-17-13.

Determining if the Trophies Were Treated



Before inspecting trophies, try to learn whether the shipment was treated. Use the steps that follow to guide your inspection and protect your health.

To determine if trophies have been treated, do as follows:

1. Check container markings, labels, and accompanying documents to learn if the container or its contents were treated.
 - A. If the accompanying documents indicate that the trophies were treated, then skip to 3., below.
 - B. If the documents tell you nothing, then go to 2., below.
2. If you **did not** learn anything from the labels or accompanying documents, then carefully examine the container and its contents for pesticide residue.
 - A. If you detect a chemical odor, suspect that the trophies were treated.
 - B. If you suspect pesticide use, then recheck the documentation and labeling to determine the exact pesticide used. If pesticide poisoning occurs, then knowing the name of the pesticide will help with being able to take the most appropriate action.
 - C. If you are unable to identify the suspect pesticide, then hold the material and **refuse** to inspect until the broker or the owner's or consignee's representative provides you with this information.
3. Before examining treated shipments, have the broker or the owner's or consignee's representative open and aerate the contents.
4. Before inspection, put on disposable plastic gloves and a dust mask (should be a minimum N95 or as specified by Customs and Border Protection/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention safety requirements) to prevent exposure to potentially harmful substances and agents.

5. Once opened, **do not** breathe the air around the container. Work in a well-ventilated area.
6. Have the broker or the owner's or consignee's representative remove the contents from the shipping container for inspection.
7. As you inspect, be careful not to tear or puncture the gloves.
8. Upon completion of your inspection, put the mask and gloves in a double plastic bag.
9. Incinerate or autoclave the double plastic bag with the gloves and mask inside.
10. Wash your hands thoroughly with a disinfectant soap.
11. If the shipment showed evidence of having been treated or the broker or the owner's or consignee's representative volunteered this information, but the document and the container were **not** so marked, then mark the documents and the container to alert other people who may have to handle this shipment.

Handling Nonhuman Primate Trophies



Follow these guidelines when handling and inspecting shipments of restricted animal trophies containing nonhuman primate parts or specimens, as declared in the manifest. **Never** allow shipments of wholly nonhuman primate material to go forward to an approved establishment for processing. On such shipments, **immediately** have Customs and Border Protection notify the local Centers for Disease Control and Prevention representative.

Follow these guidelines for handling nonhuman primate trophies:



Under **no** circumstances are CBP officers/Agricultural Specialists to open this type of cargo at the port on their own.

1. If there is evidence that the shipment contains a mix of trophies (both nonhuman primate trophies and non-primate trophies), then CBP is to inform the local Centers for Disease Control and Prevention representative, that a shipment has arrived containing a mix of both nonhuman primate trophies and non-primate trophies. CBP should safeguard the shipment and await further instruction from CDC. Under **no** circumstances are CBP/Agricultural Specialists to open this type of cargo at the port on their own.

CDC must decide how to handle the shipment. If CDC decides to separate the shipment, CDC is responsible for handling the non-human primate trophies. For the non-primate trophies, CBP should follow these procedures:

- A. Before inspection, put on disposable plastic gloves and a dust mask (should be a minimum N95 or as specified by Customs and Border Protection/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention safety requirements) to prevent exposure to potentially harmful substances and agents.
 - B. As you inspect, be careful **not** to tear or puncture the gloves.
 - C. Upon completion of your inspection, put the mask and gloves in a double plastic bag.
 - D. Incinerate or autoclave the double plastic bag with the gloves and mask inside.
 - E. Wash your hands thoroughly with a disinfectant soap.
2. If there is evidence that the shipment contains wholly non-human primate material, then CBP is to inform the local Centers for Disease Control and Prevention representative, that a shipment has arrived containing wholly nonhuman primate materials. CBP should safeguard the shipment and await further

instruction from CDC. Under **no** circumstances are CBP officers/Agricultural Specialists to open this type of cargo at the port on their own.

3. If there is evidence that the shipment contains wholly non-primate trophies, then the shipment should be inspected by CBP. CBP officers/Agricultural Specialists should follow these procedures:
 - A. Have the broker or the owner's or consignee's representative open and remove the contents for inspection.
 - B. Before inspection, put on disposable plastic gloves and a dust mask (should be a minimum N95 or as specified by Customs and Border Protection/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention safety requirements) to prevent exposure to potentially harmful substances and agents.
 - C. As you inspect, be careful **not** to tear or puncture the gloves.
 - D. Upon completion of your inspection, put the mask and gloves in a double plastic bag.
 - E. Incinerate or autoclave the double plastic bag with the gloves and mask inside.
 - F. Wash your hands thoroughly with a disinfectant soap.



VS permits are **never** issued to authorize the entry of non-human primate trophies.

Locator

To find the regulatory action to take on trophies, see [Table 3-17-1](#)

TABLE 3-17-1 Where to Find Regulatory Action on Trophies

| If the importation is: | And the trophies are: | Then: |
|--|-----------------------|---------|
| Fully taxidermy finished trophies (see Introduction on page 3-17-1) | → | RELEASE |

TABLE 3-17-1 Where to Find Regulatory Action on Trophies

| If the importation is: | And the trophies are: | Then: |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Not fully taxidermy finished trophies | ◆ Antlers, carcasses, hoofs, horns, skulls, teeth and tusks | GO to Table 3-17-8 |
| | ◆ Bones | GO to Table 3-17-8 |
| | ◆ Capes or skins | GO to Table 3-17-3 |
| | ◆ Feathers only | GO to Table 3-17-2 |
| | ◆ Hides | GO to Table 3-17-4 |
| | ◆ Any other bony tissue not listed above (with or without flesh, hide and/or sinew attached) | GO to Table 3-17-8 |

Feathers Only that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished

To determine the action to take on importations of feather trophies **only**, that are **not** fully taxidermy finished, see [Table 3-17-2](#).

TABLE 3-17-2 Feathers Only that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished

| If the trophies are: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation: | And: | Then: | |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|--------------|---|
| Feathers only that are not fully taxidermy finished | Affected with HPAI (H5N1) only | Is accompanied by a VS permit | → | RELEASE | |
| | | Lacks a VS permit | → | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| | Affected with HPAI (H5N1) in combination with END | Is accompanied by a VS permit | → | RELEASE | |
| | | Lacks a VS permit | → | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| | Affected with END only | Is accompanied by a VS permit | → | RELEASE | |
| | | Lacks a VS permit | Is consigned to an approved establishment | | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | Is not consigned to an approved establishment | | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |
| | Free from both HPAI (H5N1) and END | → | | RELEASE | |



Trophy Capes and Skins that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished

To determine that action to take on capes with or without feathers and skin of game birds (ostrich skin) and poultry that are **not** fully taxidermy finished, see [Table 3-17-3](#).

TABLE 3-17-3 Trophy Capes and Skins that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished

| If the trophy cape or skin animal source is: | And the country or region of export is: | And the article is: | And is: | Then: |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Poultry ◆ Game birds ◆ Other birds¹ | Affected with HPAI (H5N1) only | → | Accompanied by a VS permit | RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks a VS permit | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | Affected with HPAI (H5N1) in combination with END | → | Accompanied by a VS permit | RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks a VS permit | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | Affected with END only | Finished (leather, tanned, chrome-tanned, flint-dried, hard-dried) Unfinished (not leather, tanned, chrome-tanned, flint-dried, hard-dried) | → | RELEASE |
| | | | Consigned to an approved establishment Not consigned to an approved establishment | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |
| Free from both HPAI (H5N1) and END | → | | RELEASE | |
| ◆ Ruminant | Affected with FMD only | | | REGULATE under Hides and Related By-Products |
| | Free from FMD | Country of origin is Mexico | → | GO to Table 3-17-5 |
| | | Country of origin is other than Mexico | → | GO to Table 3-17-7 |

TABLE 3-17-3 Trophy Capes and Skins that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished (continued)

| If the trophy cape or skin animal source is: | And the country or region of export is: | And the article is: | And is: | Then: |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| ◆ Swine | Affected with ASF only |  |  | GO to Table 3-17-13 |
| | Affected with FMD only | | | REGULATE under <i>Hides and Related By-Products</i> |
| | Affected with FMD in combination with ASF | | | GO to Table 3-17-13 |
| | Free from both FMD and ASF | | | RELEASE |

1 For example, ostrich skin.

Trophy Hides that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished

To determine the action to take on importations of hides that are **not** fully taxidermy finished, see [Table 3-17-4](#).

TABLE 3-17-4 Trophy Hides that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished

| If the trophy hide animal source is: | And the country or region of export is: | And: | And the importation: | Then: | |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Poultry ◆ Game birds ◆ Other birds | Affected with HPAI (H5N1) only | → | Is accompanied by a VS permit | RELEASE | |
| | | | Lacks a VS permit | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| | Affected with HPAI (H5N1) in combination with END | → | Is accompanied by a VS permit | RELEASE | |
| | | | Lacks a VS permit | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| | Affected with END only | Finished (leather, tanned, chrome-tanned, flint-dried, hard-dried) | → | | RELEASE |
| | | | | Unfinished (not leather, tanned, chrome-tanned, flint-dried, hard-dried) | Consigned to an approved establishment AUTHORIZED shipment under seal with VS 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | Unfinished (not leather, tanned, chrome-tanned, flint-dried, hard-dried) | | Not consigned to an approved establishment | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) | |
| | Free from both HPAI (H5N1) and END | → | | RELEASE | |
| Ruminants | Affected with FMD only | → | | REGULATE under Hides and Related By-Products | |
| | Free from FMD | Country of origin is Mexico | → | GO to Table 3-17-5 | |
| | | Country of origin is other than Mexico | → | GO to Table 3-17-7 | |
| Swine | Affected with ASF only | → | | GO to Table 3-17-13 | |
| | Affected with FMD only | → | | REGULATE under Hides and Related By-Products | |
| | Affected with FMD in combination with ASF | → | | GO to Table 3-17-13 | |
| | Free from both FMD and ASF | → | | RELEASE | |

Trophy Hides or Skins of Ruminants from Mexico that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished

Tanned hides of ruminants from Mexico are allowed **unrestricted** entry.

To determine the action to take on fresh (green) animal hides from any species and hides and racks from Mexico, see [Table 3-17-5](#),

TABLE 3-17-5 Trophy Hides or Skins of Ruminants from Mexico that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished


| If the trophies are: | And the country or region of export is: | And upon inspection the hides or skins are: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fresh (green) ruminant hides or skins ◆ Fresh ruminant hides or skins with racks | Mexico | Free of live ticks and have been treated with an acaricide | Is accompanied by a veterinary certificate ¹ | INSPECT and RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks the required certificate ¹ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CONSIGN to an approved establishment 2. AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | Free of live ticks and have been dipped at a Mexican cattle export facility and packed in heavy plastic bags | Accompanied by a veterinary certificate ¹ | INSPECT and RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks the required certificate ¹ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CONSIGN to an approved establishment 2. AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | Free of live ticks and frozen to a non-pliable (rock hard) state | Accompanied by the required written statement ² | INSPECT and RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks the required written statement ² | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CONSIGN to an approved establishment 2. AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | Free of live ticks and other than above |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CONSIGN to an approved establishment 2. AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |

TABLE 3-17-5 Trophy Hides or Skins of Ruminants from Mexico that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished (continued)

| If the trophies are: | And the country or region of export is: | And upon inspection the hides or skins are: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fresh (green) ruminant hides or skins ◆ Fresh ruminant hides or skins with racks | Mexico | Infested with live ticks | → | GO to Table 3-17-6 |
| Processed ruminant hides or skins | Mexico | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ leather ◆ tanned ◆ chrome-tanned ◆ flint-dried ◆ hard-dried ◆ limed, dehaired and pliable ◆ pickled in a salt solution containing mineral acid and the pH is verified to be 5 or lower | → | RELEASE |
| Ruminant skins or other hides that are still on the carcass | Mexico | Free of live ticks | Consigned to an approved establishment | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | Not consigned to an approved establishment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |
| | | Infested with live ticks | → | GO to Table 3-17-6 |

- 1 A certificate signed by a veterinary official of the Mexican Government that states the hides and racks have been treated with an acaricide, (the certificate must include the name of the acaricide), and have been found to be free of live ticks.
- 2 A written statement, signed by the owner, and certifying that the hides have been frozen for at least 24 hours

Options for Importers of Fresh Trophy Hides or Skins of Ruminants from Mexico that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, but Are Infested With Ticks

Importers of fresh hides or skins of ruminants from Mexico that are **not** fully taxidermy finished, but are infested with ticks or lack official certification, may take other options for infested or uncertified hides. Continue to [Table 3-17-6](#).

TABLE 3-17-6 Options for Importers of Fresh Trophy Hides or Skins of Ruminants from Mexico that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, but Are Infested With Ticks

| If the trophies are: | And the trophy hides or skins are: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importer chooses to: | Then: |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hides ◆ Skins | Infested with ticks | Mexico | Return the hides or skins to Mexico ¹ | ENSURE that the hides or skins are returned to Mexico ¹ |
| | | | Consign the hides or skins to an approved establishment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENSURE that the importer packages the hides or skins in a 4 mil (0.004-inch) - to 5-mil (0.005-inch) thick plastic bag and tightly seals the bag to prevent the ticks from escaping 2. If horns or antlers are present, then either TAPE the horns or antlers or WRAP an additional 5-mil (0.005-inch) thick plastic bag around the horns or antlers so that they cannot poke a hole in the bag 3. AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | Have the hides or skins incinerated under CBP supervision | SUPERVISE the incineration |

¹ Articles returned to Mexico will not be eligible for re-entry into the United States until 7 days after the articles have been treated with an acaricide, and then found to be free of ticks upon reinspection.

Trophy Hides or Skins of Ruminants from Other than Mexico That Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, but from a Country Known to Be Free from FMD

To determine the action to take on hides or skins of ruminants that are **not** fully taxidermy finished, but are from a country known to be free of FMD and from **other than** Mexico, see [Table 3-17-7](#).

TABLE 3-17-7 Trophy Hides or Skins of Ruminants from Other than Mexico That Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, but from a Country Known to Be Free from FMD

| If the trophies are: | And the country of origin is known to be: | And the country or region of export is: | And the hides or skins are: | Then: |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Hides or skins of ruminants | Free from FMD | Other than Mexico | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ leather ◆ tanned ◆ chrome-tanned ◆ flint-dried ◆ hard-dried ◆ limed, dehaired and pliable ◆ pickled in a salt solution containing mineral acid and the pH is verified to be 5 or lower | RELEASE |
| | | | Other than listed above | Regulate under Hides and Related By-Products on page 3-7-1 |

Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissue, Including Antlers, Carcasses, Hoofs, Horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks

To determine the action to take for bones and bony tissue, with or **without** hide, flesh, or sinew attached (including antlers, hoofs, horns, teeth, and tusks, and carcasses), that are **not** fully taxidermy finished, see [Table 3-17-8](#).

TABLE 3-17-8 Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissue, Including Antlers, Carcasses, Hoofs, Horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks

| If the trophy is: | And the country or region of export is: | And: | Then: |
|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Poultry ◆ Game birds ◆ Other birds | Affected with HPAI (H5N1) only or affected with HPAI (H5N1) in combination with END | Is accompanied by a VS permit | RELEASE |
| | | Lacks a VS permit | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | Affected with END only | —————→ | GO to Table 3-17-9 |
| | Free from both HPAI (H5N1) and END | —————→ | RELEASE |
| Equine (horses, zebras, etc.) | —————→ | | RELEASE |
| Ruminant | —————→ | | GO to Table 3-17-10 |
| Swine | Affected with ASF only | —————→ | GO to Table 3-17-13 |
| | Affected with ASF in combination with FMD | —————→ | GO to Table 3-17-13 |
| | Affected with FMD only | —————→ | GO to Table 3-17-12 |
| | Free from both ASF and FMD | —————→ | RELEASE |
| Other than an animal class listed above ¹ | —————→ | | RELEASE |

¹ Any other animal that **does not** fit into the classes listed, such as elephants, tigers, and rhinoceroses.

Poultry, Game Bird, or Other Bird Trophy Carcasses or Bony Trophy Tissue With or Without Skin, Flesh, or Sinew, and Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, and from a Country Known to Be Affected with END Only

To determine the action to take on entire poultry and game bird carcasses or bony tissue with or **without** skin, flesh, or sinew of poultry that are **not** fully taxidermy finished and from a country of origin known to be affected with END, see [Table 3-17-9](#).

TABLE 3-17-9 Poultry, Game Bird, or Other Bird Trophy Carcasses or Bony Trophy Tissue With or Without Skin, Flesh, or Sinew, and Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, and from a Country Known to Be Affected with END Only

| If the trophy is: | And the country or region of export is: | And: | And is: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Poultry carcass ◆ Game bird carcass ◆ Other bird carcass | Affected with END only | The carcass has been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have been removed, and has intact feathers on one wing | → | | RELEASE |
| | | The carcass has not been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have not been removed, or does not have intact feathers on one wing | → | Consigned to an approved establishment | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | Not consigned to an approved establishment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) | | |

TABLE 3-17-9 Poultry, Game Bird, or Other Bird Trophy Carcasses or Bony Trophy Tissue With or Without Skin, Flesh, or Sinew, and Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, and from a Country Known to Be Affected with END Only (continued)

| If the trophy is: | And the country or region of export is: | And: | And is: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|--|---|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Poultry bony tissue ◆ Game bird bony tissue ◆ Other bird bony tissue | Affected with END only | The bones are clean, dry, and free from undried pieces of hide, flesh, or sinew | Offered for entry as trophies ¹ | → | RELEASE |
| | | | Offered for consignment to a museum | Consigned to a museum | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | | Not consigned to a museum | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |
| | | | Not offered for entry as trophies ¹ and not offered for consignment to a museum | → | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |
| | | | The bones are not clean, not dry, not free from undried pieces of flesh, hide or sinew, not offered for entry as trophies ¹ and not offered for consignment to a museum | → | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |

Reference: Trophies

Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissue, Including Antlers, Carcasses, Hoofs, Horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks

1 USDA defines trophies as, the bones (including skulls, antlers, teeth, horns, and hoofs) of an animal carcass that can be used as a remembrance or souvenir of "the hunt" that are for personal use only. A copy of the importer's hunting license/permit, or other documentation that clearly demonstrates lawful possession of the trophy from the country of origin must be issued by the foreign government (at the Federal, Regional, or Department level), not by the outfitter. This documentation must be in English or must be accompanied by a government endorsed English translation. This documentation should identify the animal species and, if applicable, indicate the quantity of animals allowed to be hunted. USDA limits the quantity of bone trophies allowed to be imported to those taken from 2 animals unless a greater quantity is authorized by the hunting license/permit or other documentation as indicated above. Bone trophies that do not meet the above conditions will be regulated in the [Bones and Related By-Products](#) Section as a shipment of commercial bones.

Ruminant Trophy Bones and Other Bony Tissue Including Antlers, Carcasses, Hoofs, Horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks

TABLE 3-17-10 Ruminant Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissues Including Antlers, Carcasses, Hoofs, Horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks

| If the trophies are: | And the ruminant source is: | And the country or region of export is: | And the article is: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Antlers | —————→ | | | | GO to Table 3-17-11 |
| Hoofs | | | Clean, dry and free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, and offered for entry as trophies ¹ or are offered for consignment to a museum | —————→ | RELEASE |
| | | | Clean, dry and accompanied by a certificate ² | —————→ | RELEASE |
| | | | Not clean, not dry, not free from undried pieces of hide, flesh, or sinew, not offered for entry as trophies ¹ and not offered for consignment to a museum and not accompanied by the required certificate ² | Consigned to an approved establishment ³ | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | | Not consigned to an approved establishment ³ | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |

TABLE 3-17-10 Ruminant Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissues Including Antlers, Carcasses, Hoofs, Horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks (continued)

| If the trophies are: | And the ruminant source is: | And the country or region of export is: | And the article is: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ruminant bones ◆ Ruminant carcass ◆ Other ruminant bony tissue including horns, skulls, teeth, and tusks | Cervid (caribou, deer, elk, moose, reindeer) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Affected with BSE ◆ Free from BSE | Clean, dry and free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, and offered for entry as trophies ¹ or are offered for consignment to a museum | → | RELEASE |
| | | | Not clean, not dry, not free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, not offered for entry as trophies ¹ and not offered for consignment to a museum | A commercial shipment | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | | | Not a commercial shipment and is consigned to an approved establishment ³ | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | | Not a commercial shipment and is not consigned to an approved establishment ³ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |
| | | Minimal risk for BSE ⁴ | → | | GO to Table A-1-11 |

Reference: Trophies

Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissue, Including Antlers, Carcasses, hoofs, horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks

TABLE 3-17-10 Ruminant Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissues Including Antlers, Carcasses, Hoofs, Horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks (continued)

| If the trophies are: | And the ruminant source is: | And the country or region of export is: | And the article is: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ruminant bones ◆ Ruminant carcass ◆ Other ruminant bony tissue including horns, skulls, teeth, and tusks | Not Cervid | → | Clean, dry and free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, and offered for entry as trophies ¹ or are offered for consignment to a museum | → | RELEASE |
| | | | Not clean, not dry, not free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, not offered for entry as trophies ¹ and not offered for consignment to a museum | A commercial shipment | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | | Not clean, not dry, not free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, not offered for entry as trophies ¹ and not offered for consignment to a museum | Not a commercial shipment and is consigned to an approved establishment ³ | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | | Not a commercial shipment and is not consigned to an approved establishment ³ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |

1 USDA defines trophies as, the bones (including skulls, antlers, teeth, horns, and hoofs) of an animal carcass that can be used as a remembrance or souvenir of "the hunt" that are for personal use only. A copy of the importer's hunting license/permit, or other documentation that clearly demonstrates lawful possession of the trophy from the country of origin must be issued by the foreign government (at the Federal, Regional, or Department level), not by the outfitter. This documentation must be in English or must be accompanied by a government endorsed English translation. This documentation should identify the animal species and, if applicable, indicate the quantity of animals allowed to be hunted. USDA limits the quantity of bone trophies allowed to be imported to those taken from 2 animals unless a greater quantity is authorized by the hunting license/permit or other documentation as indicated above. Bone trophies that do not meet the above conditions will be regulated in the [Bones and Related By-Products](#) Section as a shipment of commercial bones.

2 A certificate issued and signed by an official veterinary inspector of the national government of the region of export stating that the hoofs have been disinfected using one of the following methods:

- ◆ dry heat at 180° F (82.2° C) for 30 minutes
- ◆ soaking in boiling water for 20 minutes
- ◆ soaking in a 0.1 percent chlorine bleach solution for 2 hours
- ◆ soaking in a 5 percent acetic acid solution for 2 hours OR
- ◆ soaking in a 5 percent hydrogen peroxide solution for 2 hours

3 The approved establishments will treat materials for other diseases, including anthrax.

4 Currently Canada is the only country designated as Minimal Risk for BSE. USDA has not imposed any restrictions on cervid trophies from Canada because of BSE. Hunters may import cervid trophies that were hunted in Canada without restriction. Hunters should have documentation that demonstrates proof of Canadian origin for their cervid trophies (i.e. Canadian hunting license/permit [Provincial, Tribal, or CFIA issued], Game Farm receipt, Outfitter receipt, or other documentation provided by the Game farm or Outfitter, etc.).

Ruminant Antler Trophies

TABLE 3-17-11 Ruminant Antler Trophies

| If the trophies are: | And: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | And: | Then: |
|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Antlers | Maximum of two sets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Affected with BSE¹ ◆ Free from BSE² | Clean, dry and free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, and offered for entry as trophies ³ or are offered for consignment to a museum | | RELEASE |
| | | | Not clean, not dry, not free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, not offered for entry as trophies ³ and not offered for consignment to a museum | Consigned to an approved establishment | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | Minimal risk for BSE ⁴ | | RELEASE | |
| | | | Not Consigned to an approved establishment | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) | |

TABLE 3-17-11 Ruminant Antler Trophies (continued)

| If the trophies are: | And: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | And: | Then: |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Antlers | More than two sets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Affected with BSE¹ ◆ Free from BSE² | Clean, dry and free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, and offered for entry as trophies ³ or are offered for consignment to a museum | Accompanied by a copy of the importer's hunting license, permit or other document ⁵ | 1. VERIFY number of antlers correspond with license, permit, etc. 2. RELEASE |
| | | | | Not accompanied by a copy of the importer's hunting license, permit or other document ⁵ | REGULATE under <i>Bones and Related By-Products</i> |
| | | Minimal risk for BSE ⁴ | <p>Not clean, not dry, not free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, not offered for entry as trophies³ and not offered for consignment to a museum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p> | REGULATE under <i>Bones and Related By-Products</i> | |
| | | | | → | GO to <i>Table A-1-11</i> |

- 1 There are no approved establishments for products (such as bones and trophies) that are prohibited from BSE affected countries or from countries categorized as being minimal risk for BSE.
- 2 USDA, Veterinary Services regulates antlers and other bony trophies for other diseases, such as anthrax.
- 3 USDA defines trophies as, the bones (including skulls, antlers, teeth, horns, and hoofs) of an animal carcass that can be used as a remembrance or souvenir of "the hunt" that are for personal use only. A copy of the importer's hunting license/permit, or other documentation that clearly demonstrates lawful possession of the trophy from the country of origin must be issued by the foreign government (at the Federal, Regional, or Department level), not by the outfitter. This documentation must be in English or must be accompanied by a government endorsed English translation. This documentation should identify the animal species and, if applicable, indicate the quantity of animals allowed to be hunted. USDA limits the quantity of bone trophies allowed to be imported to those taken from 2 animals unless a greater quantity is authorized by the hunting license/permit or other documentation as indicated above. Bone trophies that do not meet the above conditions will be regulated in the *Bones and Related By-Products* Section as a shipment of commercial bones.

- 4 Currently Canada is the only country designated as Minimal Risk for BSE. USDA has not imposed any restrictions on cervid trophies from Canada because of BSE. Hunters may import cervid trophies that were hunted in Canada without restriction. Hunters should have documentation that demonstrates proof of Canadian origin for their cervid trophies (i.e. Canadian hunting license/permit [Provincial, Tribal, or CFIA issued], Game Farm receipt, Outfitter receipt, or other documentation provided by the Game farm or Outfitter, etc.).
- 5 A copy of the importer's hunting license/permit or other documentation that clearly demonstrates lawful possession of the trophy from the country of origin. The license/permit or other documentation must be issued by the foreign government (at the Federal, Regional, or Department level), and not by the outfitter. This documentation must be in English or must be accompanied by a government endorsed English translation. This document should identify the animal species and, if applicable, indicate the quantity of animals allowed to be hunted. USDA limits the quantity of bone trophies allowed to be imported to those taken from 2 animals unless a greater quantity is authorized by the hunting license/permit or other documentation as indicated above. Bone trophies that do not meet the above conditions will be regulated in the [Bones and Related By-Products](#) Section as a shipment of commercial bones.

Swine Trophy Bones and Bony Trophy Tissue (including carcasses) of Swine that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, and Are from a Country Known to Be Affected FMD

To determine the action to take on bones of swine that are **not** fully taxidermy finished, and are from a country or region known to be affected with FMD, see [Table 3-17-12](#).

TABLE 3-17-12 Swine Trophy Bones and Bony Trophy Tissue (including carcasses) of Swine that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished, and Are from a Country Known to Be Affected with FMD

| If the trophies are: | And the country or region of export is: | And the articles are: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Bones or bony tissue (including carcass) of swine that are not taxidermy finished | Affected with FMD only | Clean, dry and free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, and offered for entry as trophies ¹ or are offered for consignment to a museum | → | RELEASE |
| | | Not clean, not dry, not free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, not offered for entry as trophies ¹ and not offered for consignment to a museum | Consigned to an approved establishment | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | Not consigned to an approved establishment | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |

Reference: Trophies

Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissue, Including Antlers, Carcasses, hoofs, horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks

- 1 USDA defines trophies as, the bones (including skulls, antlers, teeth, horns, and hoofs) of an animal carcass that can be used as a remembrance or souvenir of "the hunt" that are for personal use only. A copy of the importer's hunting license/permit, or other documentation that clearly demonstrates lawful possession of the trophy from the country of origin must be issued by the foreign government (at the Federal, Regional, or Department level), not by the outfitter. This documentation must be in English or must be accompanied by a government endorsed English translation. This documentation should identify the animal species and, if applicable, indicate the quantity of animals allowed to be hunted. USDA limits the quantity of bone trophies allowed to be imported to those taken from 2 animals unless a greater quantity is authorized by the hunting license/permit or other documentation as indicated above. Bone trophies that do not meet the above conditions will be regulated in the [Bones and Related By-Products](#) Section as a shipment of commercial bones.

Swine Trophies (Including Bones, Capes, Carcasses, Hides and Skins) that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished from a Country Affected with ASF or Affected with ASF in Combination with FMD

TABLE 3-17-13 Swine Trophies (Including Bones, Capes, Carcasses, Hides and Skins) that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished from a Country Affected with ASF or Affected with ASF in Combination with FMD



| If the importation is: | And the country or region of export is: | And the articles are: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| Bones or bony tissue (including carcass) of swine that are not fully taxidermy finished | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Affected with ASF only ◆ Affected with ASF in combination with FMD |  | Consigned to an approved establishment | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | Not consigned to an approved establishment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |

TABLE 3-17-13 Swine Trophies (Including Bones, Capes, Carcasses, Hides and Skins) that Are Not Fully Taxidermy Finished from a Country Affected with ASF or Affected with ASF in Combination with FMD (continued)

| If the importation is: | And the country or region of export is: | And the articles are: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| Capes, hides and skins of swine that are not fully taxidermy finished | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Affected with ASF only ◆ Affected with ASF in combination with FMD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ leather ◆ tanned ◆ chrome-tanned ◆ limed, dehaired and pliable ◆ pickled in a salt solution containing mineral acid and the pH is verified to be 5 or lower |  | RELEASE |
| | | <p>Other than the above (includes flint-dried and hard-dried)</p> | Consigned to an approved establishment | AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete the form) |
| | | | Not consigned to an approved establishment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |

Reference: Trophies

Trophy Bones and Other Bony Trophy Tissue, Including Antlers, Carcasses, hoofs, horns, Skulls, Teeth, and Tusks
