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The following information on the sanitary and phytosanitary regime has been received from the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Republic of Croatia.

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY REGIME

The basic Veterinary Act of the Republic of Croatia is the Law on Animal Health Protection and Veterinary Medicine (Official Gazette NN 52/91).

In accordance with this Law, a large number of other legal provisions have been adopted (rules, decrees, instructions) especially on the prevention and eradication of certain contagious diseases and on the control of animal breeding and the trade in animals and the products of animal origin.

The veterinary legislation in the Republic of Croatia is being permanently adjusted to international standards, particularly to those established by the International Agency for Epizootic Diseases (Paris) and Codex Alimentarius.

Plant protection inspection services at border crossings are organized within a special Section in the Department for agriculture, food and tobacco industries of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Croatia. Plant protection inspection services at border crossings operate in five units, controlling in total 19 plant border crossings as determined by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in accordance with the Law on Plants Protection, international obligations and bilateral agreements.

Inspection services at border crossings give obligatory examinations when plants are imported or transported across the territory of the Republic of Croatia, while the Institute for Plant Protection in Agriculture and Forestry examines the plants that are exported. Border crossing inspection services for plant protection cooperate with the Institute in organizing quarantine related activities and maintaining quarantine facilities in the country in accordance with the regulations on trade in imported plants and plant products.