



Veterinary controls at Border Control Posts (BCPs), a sanitary gateway to the European union

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date of the course: 15 – 27 May, 2025

Deadline for registration: 28th of February, 2025

Duration: 2 weeks

Location: Marcy l'Etoile (Lyon). A study trip will be proposed (North of France, Brussels and Paris).

Audience:

- Official veterinarians, BCP coordinator (central level)
- Official veterinarians, BCP inspector (local level)

Number of participants: 15 to 20

General organisation:

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Speakers: experts from public and private sectors, representatives of veterinary services, representatives of regional economic community.

Languages of tuition:

English (a good English level is required)

Assessment method: quiz and self-assessment

Delivered certificate: Attendance certificate

Continuing education credits: Not applicable

Fees: 6,000 €

The tuition fee does not cover living expenses in Lyon, travel to/from France, insurance coverage or visa fees. Living expenses in Lyon are ~ 120 € a day (for food and lodging).

Need-based scholarships are available.

Please contact us if you wish to apply.

Accessibility: Field visits are scheduled. Specific adjustments may be arranged for people with disabilities.

Registration:

<https://ensv-fvi.fr/actions-internationales/residential-courses/>

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CONTEXT

The European Single Market has shifted sanitary borders to the limits of the European Union and established mandatory control points at the entrance to the territory for animal and plant products. As a result, imported consignments must be presented at border control posts (BCPs) located near the borders in areas of high traffic concentration: maritime ports, international airports, and major highways.

The training will focus on veterinary controls at importation, specifically the importation of live animals, animal products, and non-animal origin feed for animals.

PROGRAMME

Main objective:

To understand and strengthen the harmonized procedures and methods used during veterinary controls at importation.

Learning objectives:

- Identify the rules governing the importation of the relevant consignments
- Understand the roles of BCP officers
- Identify the role of customs and the applicable customs procedures
- Examine regulatory changes and analyze the evolution of regulations along with the role of the European Commission.

Course Content:

- Institutional environment of border control posts
- Legal foundations of veterinary controls at importation
- General and specific modalities of the control
- Information systems and control registration systems
- Customs procedures – economic customs regimes

Teaching methods:

Lectures, practical training based on case studies, groups work, experience sharing, field visits and a study trip.

Prerequisites

- Knowledge of national (and international) regulations related to veterinary trade exchanges (source: WOAH Terrestrial and Aquatic Code, Codex Alimentarius, and WTO SPS Agreement)
- Experience in inspection at BCPs