

Requirements for importing feed containing hay or grass to Iceland

Importation of hay and straw is forbidden according to Act 25/1993 on animal diseases and measures to control them. However, The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority may authorise such importation if it is considered proven that the products in question do not carry any transmissible agents causing animal diseases. Therefore the following certificates and statements are required for importation of feed containing hay or grass to Iceland.

A confirmation from the producer concerning heat-treatment:

1. A description of the production process, **and**
2. Monitor printouts or quality control audit reports.

An official veterinary certificate stating the following:

1. The fields from which the hay is harvested have for 12 months been free from Rinderpest and Foot and Mouth Disease and during the same period no vaccination against these diseases has taken place.
2. The fields from which the hay is harvested are considered free from paratuberculosis, the TSE agents and other transmissible agents causing animal diseases.
3. There have been no restrictions because of notifiable animal diseases in a 10 km radius around the fields from which the hay is harvested during the last 12 months.

An official veterinary certificate is not required for importation of pet feed containing hay/grass.

A confirmation from the producer concerning the fields from which the hay is harvested:

1. No animals have been grazing on the fields from which the hay is harvested.
2. No manure from domestic animals has been used or applied to the fields from which the hay is harvested.

A confirmation concerning the fields is not required for importation of pet feed containing hay/grass.