

## How to declare production methods that are banned in Switzerland:

### 1. General information

The tables below are based on the «FOAG-Ordinance about the country list by Agricultural Labelling Ordinance» of 16 February 2016 (ALO Country List; SR 916.511). Basically, if a country is not mentioned in the tables below, meat or eggs from that country must be declared according to the terms of Article 3 or 4 of the Agricultural Labelling Ordinance of 26 November 2003 ([ALO](#); SR 916.51). Exceptions include those mentioned in Articles 6 and 8 as well as veterinary conditions (the relevant information can be obtained from the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office [FSVO]; [FSVO website](#)) governing the import of the goods.

### 2. Regulations for labelling according to the ALO regarding meat, processed meat and meat products from the following countries

Key:

+ = Labelling according to the ALO compulsory

- = Labelling according to the ALO voluntary

H: Goods should be labelled as follows: *"May have been produced using hormonal performance-enhancing substances"*

NH: Goods should be labelled as follows: *"May have been produced using non-hormonal performance-enhancing substances such as antibiotics"*

Country	Beef		Horsemeat		Lamb/mutton		Goat		Pork		Chicken		Turkey		Duck		Goose	Guinea fowl	Pigeon	Farmed quail	Domestic rabbit		Farmed hoofed game		Country
	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	
Argentina	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	Argentina
Australia	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	Australia
Botswana	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	Botswana
Brazil	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	Brazil

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	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	H	NH	
Chile	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	Chile	
China	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	China
European Union <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	European Union <sup>1</sup>
Iceland	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	Iceland
Israel	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Israel
Namibia	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	Namibia
New Zealand	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	New Zealand
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Paraguay
Thailand	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Thailand
Uruguay	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	Uruguay
Zimbabwe	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	Zimbabwe

<sup>1</sup> Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK

### 3. Labelling for rabbit meat from the following countries:

Country	Domestic rabbits
-	At present there are no countries that have other equivalent legal bans. Without proof to the contrary under the terms of Article 8 of the ALO (proof of equivalent bans on production methods based on production guidelines), rabbit meat, processed rabbit meat and rabbit-based products <b>must</b> be labelled "Originate from rabbits kept under conditions banned in Switzerland".

### 4. Labelling for eggs from the following countries:

Countries	Laying hens ( <i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i> )
European Union <sup>1</sup>	<p>"Organic eggs" that are certified according to (EEC) Ordinance no. 2092/91 issued by the Council on 24 June 1991 and accompanied by a control certificate when imported (<a href="http://www.blw.admin.ch">www.blw.admin.ch</a> → Themen → Ein- und Ausfuhr) do not have to be labelled according to ALO regulations.</p> <p>At present there are no countries that have other equivalent legal bans. Without proof to the contrary under the terms of Article 8 of the ALO (proof of equivalent bans on production methods based on production guidelines), eggs and egg-based products <b>must</b> be labelled "Originate from hens kept under conditions banned in Switzerland".</p>