



## **International Clearing Process**

All trophies being imported into the United States from a foreign country must be cleared through a licensed broker. Our preferred broker is Coppersmith Global Logistics, but you may choose any broker you are comfortable with.

When crates arrive at any port of entry in the United States, your broker will be notified. Your broker will schedule an inspection with U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Not all shipments will be opened and inspected. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department randomly searches and inspects incoming shipments. Although your shipment may be stamped as cleared, the crate may not have been opened to inspect the accuracy of the contents.

Whether the crates are opened or unopened, the contents inside are not guaranteed. When U.S. Fish and Wildlife inspects a crate, they may only "spot" inspect a crate, meaning they may only verify one or two items in the shipment and mark it as "cleared".

Once a shipment has been officially cleared, your broker will contact you for payment for their services as well as any handling charges. Once the broker has been paid, the shipment will be forwarded to Wood Wildlife Studio.

When your shipment arrives at Wood Wildlife Studio, our team carefully inspects your trophies. This is done by unpacking the crate, laying out all trophies, recording the items received and making notes regarding any concerns, such as bullet damage, potential bug damage, or other issues that may present themselves when the crate is opened. Any tag numbers for species received are recorded, specifically CITES permits, which are required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department.

Wood Wildlife Studio records this information to provide you with as much detail as possible regarding what we received at our facility and to confirm that these are the items you harvested. This documentation and visual inspection will be kept with your client file. Any issues noted when your trophies are received will be conveyed to you via email or phone call.

Wood Wildlife Studio hopes this explanation will help you to better understand the importation process and how crates are handled upon receipt at our facility. Please call us if you have additional questions.