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Report Highlights: This report lists the required export certificates for exports to the Netherlands, which are not yet EU harmonized. Export Certificate Matrix is included. Section I and III of the report have been updated.

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Introduction

Notes for using the Guide

The Netherlands, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. We therefore recommend that this report is read in conjunction with the EU Certification Guide produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium: Gain Report Number: E48078 and E48108 <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp>

Unfortunately for exporters, the EU's rules on certification for imports are complicated and are not always harmonized across Member States. This report lists the required export certificates for exports to The Netherlands, which are not yet harmonized.

Dutch Competent Authorities

Dutch Customs provides information on imports from which the Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA) selects the lots for further inspection. The VWA is part of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (www.minlnv.nl). Regulation 2004/882/EC sets out the standards for control of compliance with the General Food Law (2002/178/EC).

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Until January 1, 2007, the Plant Protection Service (PD) was responsible for inspection of crop imports into The Netherlands. As of January 1, 2007, the NAK (the Netherlands Inspection Service for Agriculture, www.nak.nl), NAK Horticulture (the Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture), the BKD (Flower Bulb Inspection Service,

www.bloembollenkeuringsdienst.nl), and the KCB (Quality Control Bureau for Vegetables and Fruits, www.kcb.nl) took over the inspection tasks of the PD. As of January 1, 2007, the PD will have the authority over the NAK, NAK Horticulture, the BKD and the KCB.

U.S. Competent Authorities, issuing Export Certificates

The U.S. issuing agencies are identified by their acronyms. Following is a list of these and the relevant websites of each agency for further information.

USDA / FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA

Export Requirements for the European Union:

www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/European_Union_Requirements/index.asp

USDA / APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

USDA International Animal Export Regulations:

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/ee.html

International Animal Product Export Regulations:

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/products/pr_ee.html

Export Services:

www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/pim/exports/

USDA/ AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service

USDA European Union Health Certification Program: www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/eu_prgm.htm

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

www.fda.gov/cber/gdlns/exptrcert.htm#iv

USDA / FGIS: Federal Grain Inspection Service

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

www.usda.gov/gipsa/international/intl-services.htm

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/trade/EUCONTENTS.htm>

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required by Government

List of non Harmonized Export Certificates

Product	EU Legislation	Dutch Legislation	Dutch Model Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency	U.S. Agency Form	Title	Comments
"Other Products of Animal Origin"	1992/118/EC (a)	Not implemented in Dutch legislation	N.A.	FSIS		http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_Policies/Belgium_Requirements/index.asp	As from June 4, 2007, EC Regulation 2007/275/EC has been imposed. In Appendix II, food products are listed which are not inspected according Directive 1997/78/EC, of which: -Meat extracts and meat concentrates. -Soup stocks and flavorings packaged for the final consumer, containing meat extracts, meat concentrates, animal fats, or fish oils, powders or extracts. Contact FAS The Hague for latest status.
Colostrum	1992/46/EC (b)			APHIS	www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/international/dyint.htm	The declaration needs to correspond with the EC health certificate required for the import of heat treated milk for human consumption with the exception of: -11.1a sub VI regarding the cell count and the number of somatic cells -11.1c regarding the requirements for the heat treatment. The FDA and AMS are, however, not able to certify such a certificate for colostrum. Contact FAS The Hague for latest status.	

(a) Available at http://europe.eu.int/eur-lex/en/consleg/pdf/1992/en_1992L0118_do_001.pdf

(b) Available at http://europe.eu.int/eur-lex/en/consleg/pdf/1992/en_1992L0046_do_001.pdf

N.A. = Not Applicable

Related Reports from FAS offices in the EU

Visit the USEU website: the website www.useu.be/agri/usda.html provides a broad range of useful information on EU import rules and food laws and allows easy access to USEU reports, trade information and other practical information. More information on certification can be found at <http://www.useu.be/agri/usda.html>.

Report Number	Title	Date Released
NL8017	Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report – The Netherlands	08/06/2008
E48078	Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report – European Union	07/10/2008
E48108	EU Certification Guide – Update	09/29/2008
These reports can be accessed through the FAS website: http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp		

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

The Netherlands, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. EU harmonized certificates are listed in the EU Certification Guide produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium: Gain Report Number: E48078

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

For conducting the identity check of the shipment, the Dutch VWA requires the seal number of the container to be on the health certificate. A seal number on the Bill of Lading is not sufficient as these can be easily re-issued by private companies. If no seal number is present on the health certificate, a physical check is necessary to verify the identity of the shipment.

Section IV. Government Certificates' Legal Entry Requirements

See comment under Section II.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

See comment under Section II.