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Report Highlights:

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is responsible, through its different Ministries, for issuing import permits, import licenses and conducting processed food product registrations. Import licenses are now valid for one year. Specific sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) statements are required for each type of agricultural and food product and are determined by the domestic authorities on a case-by-case basis. Post updates Section II in this report.

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General Requirements

According to the Venezuelan harmonized tariff schedule, imports of food and agricultural products are subject to a list of requirements given by its “tariff regime” (in Spanish: regimen legal). The requirements include: sanitary certificates, import permits, import licenses and product registration.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (BRV) is responsible, through its different Ministries, for issuing import permits, import licenses and product registration. The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAT) issues import permits; the Ministry of Food (MINAL) issues import licenses and the Ministry of Health and Social Development (MSDS) grants food registration for all domestic and imported processed food products. Foods not registered in the country of origin cannot be registered in Venezuela.

The BRV requires a “sanitary certificate” from the country of origin. Specific sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) statements (treatment and other conditions) are required for each type of product and are determined by the authorities on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION I. List of All Export Certificates Required by Venezuela

The following is a general list of agricultural and food products that are subject to:

- Sanitary Certificate from the Country of Origin,
- Registration through MSDS,
- Sanitary Import Permit issued by SASA,
- Import License issued by MINAL

Table 1. List Of Products (By HS Code) That Require A Sanitary Certificate From Origin Country

01011010	01011020	01019011	01049019	01019090	01021000
01029010	01029090	01031000	01039100	01039200	01041010
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01061990	01062000	01063100	01063200	01063900	01069000
02011000	02012000	02013000	02021000	02022000	02023000
02031100	02031200	02031900	02032100	02032200	02032900
02041000	02042100	02042200	02042300	02043000	02044100
02044200	02044300	02045000	02050000	02061000	02062100
02062200	02062900	02063000	02064100	02064900	02068000
02069000	02071100	02071200	02071300	02071400	02072400
02042500	02042600	02072700	02073200	02073300	02073400
02073500	02073600	02081000	02082000	02083000	02084000
02085000	02089000	02090010	02090090	02101100	02101200
02101900	02102000	02109100	02109200	02109300	02109910
02109990	04011000	04012000	04013000	04021010	04021090
04022111	04022119	04022191	04022199	04022911	04022919
04022991	04022999	04029110	04029190	04029990	04031000
04039000	04041010	04041090	04049000	04051000	04052000
04059020	04059090	04061000	04062000	04063000	04064000
04069040	04069050	04069060	04069090	04070010	04070020

04081100	04081900	04089100	04089900	04090000	04100000
05010000	05021000	05029000	05030000	05040010	05040020
05040030	05051000	05059000	05061000	05069000	05100090
05111000	05119910	05119930	05119990	06011000	06012000
06021000	06022000	06023000	06024000	06029000	06031011
06031019	06031020	06031040	06031050	06031090	06039000
06041000	06049100	06049900	07011000	07019000	07020000
07031000	07032010	07032090	07039000	07041000	07042000
07049000	07051100	07051900	07052100	07052900	07061000
07069000	07070000	07081000	07082000	07089000	07091000
07092000	07093000	07094000	07095100	07095200	07095900
07096000	07097000	07099010	07099020	07099090	07101000
07102100	07102200	07102900	07103000	07104000	07108010
07108090	07109000	07112000	07113000	07114000	07115100
07115900	07119000	07122000	07123100	07123200	07123300
07123900	07129010	07129020	07129090	07131010	07131090
07132010	07132090	07133110	07133190	07133210	07133290
07133311	07133319	07133391	07133392	07133399	07133910
07133991	07133992	07133999	07134010	07134090	07135010
07135090	07139010	07139090	07141000	07142010	07142090
07149010	08011110	08011190	08011900	08012100	08012200
08013100	08013200	08021100	08021210	08021290	08022100
08022200	08023100	08023200	08024000	08025000	08029000
08030011	08030012	08030019	08030020	08041000	08042000
08043000	08044000	08045010	08045020	08051000	08052010
08054000	08055010	08055021	08055022	08059000	08061000
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08082020	08091000	08092000	08093000	08094000	08101000
08102000	08103000	08104000	08105000	08106000	08109010
08109020	08109030	08109040	08109050	08109090	08111010
08111090	08112000	08119010	08119090	08121000	08129020
08129090	08132000	08133000	08134000	08135000	08140010
08140090	09011110	09011190	09012110	09011200	09012120
09012200	09019000	09021000	09021000	09022000	09023000
09024000	09030000	09041100	09041200	09042000	09050000
09061000	09062000	09070000	09081000	09082000	09083000
09091000	09092010	09092090	09093000	09094000	09095000
09101000	09102000	09103000	09104000	09105000	09109100
09109900	10011010	10011090	10019010	10019020	10019030
10020010	10020090	10030010	10030090	10040010	10040090
10051000	10059011	10059012	10059020	10059090	10061010
10061090	10062000	10063000	10064000	10070010	10070090
10081010	10081090	10082010	10082090	10083010	10083090
10089011	10089019	10089091	10089099	11010000	11021000
11022000	11023000	11029000	11031100	11031300	11031900
11032000	11041200	11041900	11042200	11042300	11042910
11042990	11043000	11051000	11052000	11061000	11062010
11062090	11063010	11063090	11071000	11072000	11081100
11081200	11081300	11081400	11081900	11082000	11090000
12010010	12010090	12021010	12021090	12022000	12030000
12040010	12040090	12051010	12051090	12059010	12059090

12060010	12060090	12071010	12071090	12072010	12072090
12073010	12073090	12074010	12074090	12075010	12075090
12076010	12076090	12079100	12079910	1207999010	1207999090
12081000	12089000	12091000	12092100	12092200	12092300
12092400	12092500	12092600	12092900	12093000	12099110
12099120	12099130	12099140	12099150	12099190	12099910
12099920	12099930	12099990	12101000	12102000	12111000
1211200010	1211200099	12113000	12114000	12119030	1211905010
1211905099	1211909010	1211909099	12121000	12122000	12123000
12129100	12129910	12129990	12130000	12141000	12149000
13021110	13021190	1302191090	1302199099	14011000	14012000
14019000	14020000	14030000	14041011	14041019	14041030
14041090	14042000	14049000	15010010	15010030	15020011
15020019	15020090	1504101090	15041021	1504102990	15042010
15042090	15043000	15060010	15060090	15071000	15079000
15081000	15089000	15091000	15099000	15100000	15111000
15119000	1512110010	1512110090	1512190010	1512190090	15122100
15122900	15131100	15131900	15132110	15132120	15132910
15132920	15141100	15141900	15149100	15149900	15151100
15151900	15152100	15152900	15153000	15154000	15155000
15159000	15161000	15162000	15171000	15179000	15180090
15220000	16010000	16021000	16022000	16023110	16023190
16023210	16023290	16023910	16023990	16024100	16024200
16024900	16025000	16029000	16030000	16041100	16041200
16041310	16041320	16041330	16041390	16041410	16041420
16041500	16041600	16041900	16042000	16043000	16051000
16052000	16053000	16054000	16059010	16059090	17011110
1701119010	1701119090	17011200	17019100	17019910	17019990
17021920	17022000	17023020	17023090	17024010	17024020
17026000	17029010	17029020	17029030	17029040	17031000
17039000	17041010	17041090	17049010	17049090	18010011
18010019	18010020	18020000	18031000	18032000	18040000
18050000	18061000	18062000	18063100	18063200	18069000
19011010	19011090	19012000	19019010	19019090	19021100
19021900	19022000	19023000	19024000	19030000	19041000
19042000	19043000	19049000	19051000	19052000	19053100
19053200	19054000	19059010	19059090	20011000	20019010
20019090	20021000	20029000	20031000	20032000	20039000
20041000	20049000	20051000	20052000	20054000	20055100
20055900	20056000	20057000	20058000	20059010	20059090
20060000	20071000	20079110	20079120	20079911	20079912
20079991	20079992	20081110	20081190	20081910	20081920
20081990	20082010	20082090	20083000	20084000	20085000
20086010	20086090	20087020	20087090	20088000	20089100
20089200	20089920	20089930	20089990	20091100	20091200
20091900	20092100	20092900	20093100	20093900	20094100
20094900	20095000	20096100	20096900	20097100	20097900
20098011	20098012	20098013	20098014	20098019	20098020
20099000	21011100	21011200	21012000	21013000	21021010
21021090	21022000	21023000	21031000	21032000	21033010
21033020	21039010	21039020	21039090	21041010	21041020

21042000	21050010	21050090	21061010	21061020	21069010
21069021	21069029	21069030	21069040	21069050	21069060
22011000	22019000	22021000	22029000	22030000	22041000
22042100	22042910	22042990	22043000	22051000	22059000
22060000	22071000	22072000	22082021	22082022	22082029
22082030	22083000	22084000	22085000	22086000	22087010
22087020	22087090	22089010	22089020	22089042	22089049
22089090	22090000	23011010	23011090	23012010	23012090
23021000	23022000	23023000	23024000	23025000	23031000
23032000	23033000	23040000	23050000	23061000	23062000
23063000	23064100	23064900	23065000	23066000	23067000
23069000	23070000	23080010	23080090	23091010	23091090
23099010	23099020	23099030	23099090		

Table 2. List Of Products (By HS Code) That Need To Be Registered Through MSDS

04011000	1504102910	16059010	20054000	20093100	21069050
04012000	1512190010	16059090	20055100	20093900	21069060
04013000	15079000	17041010	20055900	20094100	2106907110
04029110	15089000	17041090	20056000	20094900	2106907210
04029190	15091000	17049010	20057000	20095000	2106907310
04029990	15099000	17049090	20058000	20096100	2106907410
04031000	15119000	18062000	20059010	20096900	2106907910
04039000	15131900	19011010	20059090	20097100	2106909010
04041010	15152900	19011090	20060000	20097900	22011000
04041090	15155000	19012000	20071000	20098011	22019000
04049000	15171000	19019010	20079110	20098012	22021000
04051000	15179000	19019090	20079120	20098013	22029000
04052000	16010000	19021100	20079911	20098014	22030000
04059020	16021000	19021900	20079912	20098019	22041000
04059090	16022000	19022000	20079991	20098020	22042100
04061000	16023190	19023000	20079992	20099000	22042910
04062000	16023210	19024000	20081110	21011100	22042990
04063000	16023290	19030000	20081190	21011200	22043000
04064000	16023910	19041000	20081910	21012000	22051000
04069040	16024100	19042000	20081920	21013000	22059000
04069050	16024200	19043000	20081990	21021010	22060000
04069060	16024900	19049000	20082010	21021090	22082021
04069090	16025000	19051000	20082090	21022000	22082022
04081100	16030000	19052000	20083000	21023000	22082029
04081900	16041100	19053100	20084000	21031000	22082030
04089900	16041200	19053200	20085000	21032000	22083000
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04099100	16041320	19059010	20086090	21033020	22085000
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09012120	16041410	20019010	20088000	21039090	22087020
09023000	16041420	20019090	20089100	21041010	22087090
09024000	16041500	20021000	20089200	21041020	22089010
09050000	16041600	20029000	20089920	21050010	22089020
09062000	16041900	20031000	20089930	21050090	22089042
1211200091	16042000	20032000	20089990	21061010	22089049
1211905091	16043000	20039000	20091100	21061020	22089090
1211909091	16051000	20041000	20091200	21069021	22090000
1302191010	16052000	20049000	20091900	21069029	
1302199091	16053000	20051000	20092100	21069030	
1504101010	16054000	20052000	20092900	21069040	

Table 3. List Of Products (By HS Code) That Require An Import Permit Issued By MAT

01011010	01011020	01019011	01049019	01019090
01021000	01029010	01029090	01031000	01039100
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01059900	01061100	01061200	01061910	01061990
01062000	01063100	01063200	01063900	01069000
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02023000	02031100	02031200	02031900	02032100
02032200	02032900	02041000	02042100	02042200
02042300	02043000	02044100	02044200	02044300
02045000	02050000	02061000	02062100	02062200
02062900	02063000	02064100	02064900	02068000
02069000	02071100	02071200	02071300	02071400
02072400	02042500	02042600	02072700	02073200
02073300	02073400	02073500	02073600	02081000
02082000	02083000	02084000	02085000	02089000
02090010	02090090	02101100	02101200	02101900
02102000	02109100	02109200	02109300	02109910
02109990	04070010	04070020	04081100	04081900
04089100	04089900	05010000	05021000	05029000
05030000	05040010	05040020	05040030	05051000
05059000	05061000	05069000	05111000	05119110
05119120	05119190	05119910	05119930	05119990
06011000	06012000	06021000	06022000	06023000
06024000	06029000	06031011	06031019	06031020
06031040	06031050	06031090	06039000	06041000
06049100	06049900	07011000	07019000	07020000
07031000	07032010	07032090	07039000	07041000
07042000	07049000	07051100	07051900	07052100
07052900	07061000	07069000	07070000	07081000
07082000	07089000	07091000	07092000	07093000
07094000	07095100	07095200	07095900	07096000
07097000	07099010	07099020	07099090	07101000
07102100	07102200	07102900	07103000	07104000
07108010	07108090	07109000	07131010	07131090
07132010	07132090	07133110	07133190	07133210
07133290	07133311	07133319	07133391	07133392
07133399	07133910	07133991	07133992	07133999
07134010	07134090	07135010	07135090	07139010
07139090	07141000	07142010	07142090	07149010
08011110	08011190	08011900	08012100	08012200
08013100	08013200	08030011	08030012	08030019
08030020	08041000	08042000	08043000	08044000
08045010	08045020	08051000	08052010	08054000
08055010	08055021	08055022	08059000	08061000
08062000	08071100	08071900	08072000	08081000
08082010	08082020	08091000	08092000	08093000
08094000	08101000	08102000	08103000	08104000

08105000	08106000	08109010	08109020	08109030
08109040	08109050	08109090	08111010	08111090
08112000	08119010	08119090	09011110	09011190
09012110	09011200	09012120	09012200	09019000
09021000	09021000	09022000	09023000	09024000
09030000	09041100	09041200	09042000	09050000
09061000	09062000	09070000	09081000	09082000
09083000	09091000	09092010	09092090	09093000
09094000	09095000	09101000	09102000	09103000
09104000	09105000	09109100	09109900	10011010
10011090	10019010	10019020	10019030	10020010
10020090	10030010	10030090	10040010	10040090
10051000	10059011	10059012	10059020	10059090
10061010	10061090	10062000	10063000	10064000
10070010	10070090	10081010	10081090	10082010
10082090	10083010	10083090	10089011	10089019
10089091	10089099	11021000	11022000	11023000
11041200	11041900	11042200	11042300	11042910
11042990	11043000	12010010	12010090	12021010
12021090	12022000	12030000	12040010	12040090
12051010	12051090	15059010	12059090	12060010
12060090	12071010	12071090	12072010	12072090
12073010	12073090	12074010	12074090	12075010
12075090	12076010	12076090	12079100	12079910
1207999010	1207999090	12091000	12092100	12092200
12092300	12092400	12092500	12092600	12092900
12093000	12099110	12099120	12099130	12099140
12099150	12099190	12099910	12099920	12099930
12099990	12101000	12102000	12111000	1211200010
12113000	12119030	1211905010	1211909010	12121000
12122000	12123000	12129100	12129910	12129990
12130000	14011000	14012000	14019000	14020000
14030000	14041011	14041019	14041030	14041090
14042000	14049000	15010010	15010030	15020011
15020019	15020090	15161000	16010000	16021000
16022000	16023110	16023190	16023210	16023290
16023910	16023990	16024100	16024200	16024900
16025000	16029000	16030000	18010011	18010019
18010020	18020000	23011010	23011090	23091010
23091090	23099010	23099020	23099030	23099090

Table 4. List Of Products (By HS Code) That Require An Import License By MINAL

4011000	4062000	12010090	15119000	15152900	17019100
4012000	4063000	12071010	15122100	15155000	17019910
4013000	4064000	12071090	15122900	15180010	17019990
4021010	4069040	12072090	15131100	15180090	1701119010
4021090	4069050	12074090	15131900	1512110010	1701119090
4022111	4069060	1207999090	15132110	1512110090	23040000
4022119	4069090	15071000	15132120	1512190010	
4022191	10059011	15079000	15132910	1512190090	
4022199	10070090	15100000	15132920	17011110	
4061000	12010010	15111000	15152100	17011200	

SECTION II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificates

Animal Products and Unprocessed Plant Products

Through the Agricultural Health Service (in Spanish: Servicio Autonomo de Sanidad Agropecuaria or SASA), MAT is responsible for quality control and inspection in respect to everything related to the manufacture, processing, importation, exportation, storage, distribution, and marketing of food, biological products, medications and animal feed, as well as for the laboratories that control the quality of these products. SASA is equivalent to APHIS in the United States.

This Agency is in charge of issuing phytosanitary or sanitary health import permits for imported products and sub products of plant or animal origin, and animals and plant breeding material. The guidelines provided by SASA are the following:

- Prior to importing animal products and/or unprocessed plant products, importers should request and obtain a sanitary health (SPS) import permit from SASA.
- Specific SPS statements (treatment and other conditions) for each type of product are determined by SASA on a case-by-case basis.
- Specific SPS statements are written on the import permit issued by SASA.
- The “remarks” section of the export certificate on FSIS or APHIS letterhead certificate should include the specific SPS statements, and should be written both in English and Spanish.
- An APHIS veterinarian or equivalent FSIS official must sign the export certificate.
- No product should be loaded in a vessel before the import permit is received and the sanitary statements required in it are written on the USDA export certificate.
- SASA's import permits have a non-renewable period of validity of between 60 and 90 days, depending on the product:
 - o *Sanitary health import permits are issued for animal products and livestock-farming inputs (validity of 60 days).*
 - o *Phytosanitary import permits are issued for plant products (validity of 90 days).*
- Import permits are only valid for one shipment.
- Every shipment must be accompanied by an import permit and its corresponding APHIS or FSIS export certificate.

Import Licenses

Import licenses are valid for one year, and can only be renewed if, on expiry, they have not been used for reasons outside the importer's control. When applying for a license, established importers are required to submit a monthly list of imports actually realized, indicating volume and value, together with the invoice on the most recent import that indicates the volume and value of the merchandise. The importer must indicate the amount of the allocated quota that remains unused, which in some cases is reincorporated into the quota to be reassigned. The following is the list of products that are subject to import licenses:

Table 5. List Of Products that Require An Import License

Yellow corn	Sorghum
Soya beans	Palm nuts and kernels
Soya bean oil	Other oils
Palm oil	Sunflowerseed oil
Coconut oil	Other vegetable fats and oils
Soya bean cake	Animal and vegetable fats
Degras, yellow grease	Milk and cream, not concentrated
Milk in powder, not exceeding 1.5% fat	Whole milk 26%
Cheese	

Processed Animal Products

An FSIS certificate must accompany each shipment of meat and poultry and/or products. Venezuela accepts imports from all FSIS approved plants. Below are the certificate requirements of the Venezuelan Government currently included in the FSIS export certificate library. As noted above for unprocessed plant products, importers are required to have an import permit before importing meat and poultry products. All FSIS inspected meat and poultry plants are eligible to export to Venezuela.

Eligible / Ineligible Products

A. Eligible

1. Pork is eligible to export to Venezuela. (Most recent revision on 03/30/2004)
2. Cooked poultry products.
3. Natural pork casings. (Most recent revision on 03/30/2004)

B. Ineligible

1. Ruminant meat and ruminant meat products. (Most recent revision on 03/30/2004)

Documentation Requirements

A. Beef, mutton and lamb

1. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5 Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

B. Pork and Pork Products

1. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5 Export Certificate of Wholesomeness
2. The following statements must be included in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5:

- a. *The meat was derived from animals that were born and raised in the United States or Canada;*
- b. *The meat was received from slaughter and processing of clinically healthy swine, which originated from premises and localities free from infectious animal diseases, including swine vesicular disease and African swine fever; and*
- c. *The meat comes from establishments or pork herds submitted under official control, in which in the last 24 months, trichinosis cases have not been detected or the product was submitted to freezing according to USDA 9 CFR 318.10 (c)(2), which guarantees the destruction of the parasite.*

Note (for information-this is not a required statement): The term "infectious animal diseases" means that, at the time of slaughter, the animals were not under official quarantine or any other State or Federal restriction due to disease and passed ante mortem and postmortem inspection.

3. In addition to the above statements which are required for pork meat, exporters or their agents must provide the following certification on company letterhead:
 - a. *The meat is shipped in refrigerated containers that guarantee its temperature; and*
 - b. *The containers were washed and disinfected using products approved by the exporting country.*

Note: This certificate is not signed by FSIS personnel. However, it must include the MP number from the FSIS 9060-5 for identification with a particular shipment.

- C. Cooked poultry products - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5 Export Certificate of Wholesomeness. The following statements must be included in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5:

"Cooked poultry product was cooked, reaching an internal temperature of not less than 68° C (155° F)."

- D. Animal Casings - Obtain FSIS form 9060-18, Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Sound and Clean Statements
- E. The importer must obtain a health import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands' Animal Health and Industry Administration.

Processed Food Products

All domestic and imported processed food products must be registered with the Government of Venezuela, through MSDS. Foods not registered in the country of origin cannot be registered in Venezuela. With the exception of special cases, such as Government or military sales as determined by the MSDS, all new-to-market foreign food products must be submitted for registration before being imported.

The MSDS through its Food Hygiene Division supervises food safety, much as FDA does in the United States. The registration of the processed food product is valid for five years. After five years, an application may be made to MSDS without cost for renewal of the registration.

No specific certificate from the exporting country is required at the time of entering Venezuelan ports if the product has been already registered with MSDS.

Free Sale Certificates

Usually “Free Sale Certificates” (FSC) issued by local or state authorities are not accepted by Venezuelan customs (SENIAT), because Venezuela's legislation (Harmonized Tariff Schedule) does not mention FSC among the list of required certificates. This leads to situations where customs officials may not accept certain semi-processed and processed food products that are normally exempt from “sanitary certificates” issued by third countries.

Customs officials (SENIAT) rely on SASA's scientific knowledge in order to decide whether or not to accept an FSC. Although SASA deals only with its equivalent authority, which in this case is APHIS, it has the authority to recommend the acceptance of FSC. U.S. exporters are encouraged to contact FAS/Caracas in case of doubts about products with an FSC.

Wood Packing Material

All wood packaging materials arriving into Venezuela must to carry the agreed international seals certifying that the wood has been treated as recommended by the international conventions after August 1, 2005, “Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade” under the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

SECTION III. Specific Attestation Required on the Export Certificate

Specific sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) statements (treatment and other conditions) are required for each type of product and are determined by SASA's authorities on a case-by-case basis, and are provided by SASA authorities when an application for an import permit is submitted by an importer.

SECTION IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

- Original Sanitary Certificates from the country of origin need to accompany the product at the time of entry.
- Sanitary Certificates from the country of origin are only accepted for one shipment and one specified port of entry.
- The BRV does not accept “Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration” as proof of compliance.
- For processed food products no specific certificate from the exporting country is required at the time of entering Venezuelan ports, if the product has been already registered with MSDS.
- The BRV does not accept sanitary export certificates by US state-level authorities.

SECTION V. Other Certification / Accreditation Requirements

The BRV provides information about import requirements through its harmonized tariff schedule (in Spanish: Arancel de Aduanas). The import requirements are the following ("Regimen Legal"):

Table 6. Import Requirements

Legal Regime	Description
1	Prohibited Import
2	Imports reserved to the Government
3	Permit from the Ministry of Health and Social Development
4	Permit from the Ministry of Light Industries and Commerce
5	Sanitary Certificate from the Country of Origin
6	Sanitary Permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
7	Permit from the Ministry of Defense
8	Import License administered through the Ministry of Food
9	Import License administered through the Ministry of Light Industries and Commerce
10	Permit from the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
11	Permit from the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum
12	Sanitary Registry issued by the Ministry of Health and Social Development
13	Sanitary Registry issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
14	Permit from the Ministry of Food
15	Permit from the Ministry of Basic Industries and Mining

Products being imported into Venezuela must also comply with other requirements. Details of these requirements are contained in the Food and Agriculture Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) report, updated in July 2007. The report can be downloaded on the FAS website: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/AttacheRep/default.asp>

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SASA has information related to import permits. These data can be found at the following web sites:

[SASA Import Permits](#)

Ministry of Food Web Site

The Ministry of Food has information on its web site regarding changes and improvements for import procedures. These data can be found at the following web site:

[MINAL-Taquilla Unica](#)

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