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Report Highlights:

Hungary, as a member of the European Union (EU), applies EU regulations to the imports of agricultural products. U.S. export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU have been harmonized. Products not yet harmonized are subject to national regulations. Competent Hungarian authorities may need to be consulted, on a case-by-case basis, to address import requirements for some minor categories of non-harmonized products.

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Executive Summary

Hungary is a Member State of the European Union (EU). Certification requirements for most products destined for the EU market, including Hungary, have been harmonized. This report outlines specific Hungarian requirements. Therefore, it should be read in conjunction with the [EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards \(FAIRS\) Export Certificate Report](#).

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required by Government

Hungary has fully implemented EU regulations for the import of products of animal and plant origin. For additional information on U.S. export certifications that are needed for the EU market, please see the [website](#) of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) at the U.S. Mission to the European Commission (USEU).

Export certificates must be in the official language of Hungary, which is Hungarian. The [Department of Trade](#), Defense Industry, Export Control, and Precious Metal Assay of the Government Office of the Capital City Budapest issues import licenses of agricultural products. Usually an exporter, or possibly an importer, applies to the authority filling out the [prescribed form](#) with all relevant details.

1. Export Certificates/Requirements for Animal Products

Import requirements for animal products with market access to the European Union and its member states, including Hungary, can be found at the [Food Safety and Inspection Service](#)'s (FSIS) website along with samples of export certificates for different types of products.

For several products, the EU requires export establishments to be pre-approved based on submissions made by the U.S. Government. U.S. agencies responsible for determining EU-eligible export establishments are the [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) (APHIS), [FSIS](#), the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#), the [Agricultural Marketing Service](#) (AMS), and the [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA). [Approved establishments](#) may be subject to EU inspection as well.

The EU requires that a veterinary and/or a general health certificate accompany each shipment of meat and be signed and dated prior to shipment. For non-harmonized exports of animals and animal products to Hungary, the [prescribed bilingual certificates](#) (in Hungarian) are available at and must be submitted to the [Animal Health and Animal Welfare Directorate](#) of the National Food Chain Safety Office.

2. Export Certificates/Requirements for Live Animals

The EU imposes several general requirements for veterinary health certificates ([Regulation \(EU\) 2016/429](#)) which must be issued before the consignments to which they relate leave the control of the competent authority. Non-compliance will lead to the rejection of the shipment at the [Hungarian](#) or other [EU border entry/inspection points](#). Specific guidance and certificate forms are available on the [APHIS' website](#). Bilingual Hungarian/English health certificates are also available for some commodities/species. If the needed bilingual certificate is not provided, please refer to the [English versions](#). It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain a bilingual certificate.

3. Export Certificates/Requirements for Plant and Plant Products

EU plant and plant product import regulations have been harmonized. The regulated pests, plants, plant products, and plant health import requirements are listed by Commission Implementing [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2072](#). Unlike veterinary products, there is only one model certificate for all plant products in accordance with international regulations laid down by the [International Plant Protection Convention](#) (IPPC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. For more information, see the [export certification guide](#) at the FAO's website. For the United States, APHIS issues the required phytosanitary certificate with the requisite attestations to specific EU requirements.

4. Export certificates/requirements for non-harmonized products

There are a few products for which Hungary's legislation is not harmonized with the EU. Imports of these products are subject to the Hungarian national legislation and import requests are assessed by the competent authorities on a case-by-case basis. The [National Food Chain Safety Office](#) (in Hungarian) is the competent authority for providing specific import conditions on non-harmonized products.

Table 1: Matrix of Bilingual Export Certificates

Products	Title of Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Bovine semen A)	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Bovine semen B)	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Bovine germinal products (semen/embryos/oocytes)	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Hatching eggs of poultry	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Dogs, cats, and ferrets	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Laboratory animals, semen, ova, and embryos	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Carnivores	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Chinchillas	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Dog semen	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Primates	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Small mammals	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Aquarium and/or vivarium animals	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Bats	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Snails	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Leeches	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Annelids	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Birds for conservation programs	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Bear species	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture

Products	Title of Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Pet animals of Rodentia, Reptilia, Amphibia, Lagomorpha, Pisces, etc.	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Brine shrimp eggs	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Chinchilla fur	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Game trophies	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Deer antler	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture
Fur	Bilingual health certificate	Animal health	Ministry of Agriculture

This matrix lists types of bilingual certificates that Hungary requires. For more details and links to other EU-harmonized model certificates, please refer to Appendix I of the [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#).

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificates

Imported products must meet existing member state requirements, and products must be accompanied by the proper certification at the port of arrival. In general, health certificates are required for all imported products of animal origin, and phytosanitary certificates are needed for all plant products that could introduce pests into the EU. In accordance with EU legislation, certain products may have quality certificates that allow for reduced import duties. Other voluntary EU certificates can allow for less stringent import control regimes.

Hungary is a member of the EU and conforms to all EU regulations and directives. Therefore, this report should be read in conjunction with the [EU FAIRS Certificate Report](#). It consolidates the EU-27 requirements, and country specific reports can also be accessed through the [FAS USEU website](#).

Section III. Specific Attestation Required on Export Certificates

For the identity check of a shipment, agents of the food safety authority require the seal number of the container to be printed on the certificates. A seal number on the Bill of Lading is not sufficient if it can easily be re-issued by a private company. If the seal number is not present on the certificate, a physical check is necessary to verify the identity of the shipment. For some veterinary certificates, additional statements need to be included.

Section IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

For all veterinary health certificates, the EU applies general principles of certification defined in [Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2235](#). The regulation is directly applied in Hungary. For detailed information, please consult the [EU FAIRS Certificate Report](#).

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

The National Food Chain Safety Office is the competent authority in the matter of settlements of veterinary requirements with a third country. The specifications of this office must be executed for imports from third countries if they are not specified by EU regulations.

Appendix I. Direct Hyperlink, Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Please read the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#).

Attachments:

No Attachments