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Report Highlights:

This report outlines Bermuda's certification requirements and includes an Export Certificate Matrix as well as examples of select Export Certificates. U.S. Exporters may also refer to the 2021 Bermuda FAIRS Country report for more information on import requirements for food and agricultural products.

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Executive Summary

This report contains general information on certificate requirements established by Bermuda's regulatory authorities for the importation of U.S. food and agricultural products into Bermuda. These requirements stem from regulations issued primarily by the Ministry of Health's Department of Health, and by the Ministry of Home Affairs' Department of Environment and Natural Resources. While this report is intended to provide U.S. exporters with updated information on the subject, it should not be construed as a compendium of Bermudian import requirements, but rather as a supplement to the most recent (2021) FAIRS Country Report for Bermuda. U.S. exporters are encouraged to work closely with their Bermudian clients on ensuring compliance with Bermuda's certification requirements.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Importing Country

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Meat Products / Poultry	Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5)	No additional attestations to those pre-printed on the certificate are required.	Food Safety/Food Quality & Animal Health	Ministry of Health & Ministry of Home Affairs
Horses, Ponies and Other Equines	U.S. Origin Health Certificate (Veterinary Services Form 17-140)	See Section III.	Animal Health	Ministry of Home Affairs
Horses, Ponies and Other Equines	Certification of Inspection of Export Animals (Veterinary Services Form 17-37)	See Section III.	Animal Health	Ministry of Home Affairs
Bovine Cattle	U.S. Origin Health Certificate (Veterinary Services Form 17-140)	See Section III.	Animal Health	Ministry of Home Affairs
All Other Animals	U.S. Origin Health Certificate (Veterinary Services Form 17-140)	See Section III.	Animal Health	Ministry of Home Affairs

Select “High-Risk” Produce Items 1/	Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577)	See Section III.	Plant Health	Ministry of Home Affairs
Plant Products/Materials for Propagation 1/	Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577)	See Section III.	Plant Health	Ministry of Home Affairs
Christmas Trees 1/	Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577)	See Section III.	Plant Health	Ministry of Home Affairs
Marine Fish & Marine Lobster	Export Health Certificate	No additional attestations to those pre-printed on the certificate are required.	Quality/Food Safety	Ministry of Home Affairs

1/ - Because the plant health/quarantine/treatment status of produce items and other plant products may change, it is recommended that U.S. suppliers work closely with their importers to verify with Bermuda regulatory agencies which items are considered high-risk and what specific certification requirements/prohibitions may apply at the time of import.

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificates

- Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5): The Ministry of Health’s Department of Health, as well as the Ministry of Home Affairs’ Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Veterinary Services Unit), require this certificate for both food safety/quality and animal health purposes.
- U.S. Origin Health Certificate (Veterinary Services Form 17-140): The Ministry of Home Affairs’ Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Veterinary Services Unit) requires this certificate for animal health purposes.

- Certification of Inspection of Export Animals (Veterinary Services Form 17-37): The Ministry of Home Affairs' Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Veterinary Services Unit) requires this certificate for animal health purposes.
- Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577): The Ministry of Home Affairs' Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Plant Protection Unit) requires this certificate for food safety, plant health and treatment verification purposes.
- Export Health Certificate (for seafood): The Ministry of Home Affairs' Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Fisheries Division) requires this certificate for food safety/quality reasons.

Section III. Specific Attestation Required on Export Certificates

- Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5): Standard language pre-printed on the certificate is acceptable. No additional attestations are required.
- U.S. Origin Health Certificate (Veterinary Services Form 17-140): A) For Horses, Ponies and Other Equines, specific attestation requirement can be found at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/bd_eq_pro_hc.pdf. B) For bovine cattle and all other animals: Any specific attestation requirements will be specified on the import permit granted to the importing party by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Veterinary Services Unit.
- Certification of Inspection of Export Animals (Veterinary Services Form 17-37): This certificate must include:
 1. The name and address of the consignor.
 2. The name and address of the consignee.
 3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
 4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found to be free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto.
- Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577): This certificate should certify that the shipment of plant products has been inspected and is free of harmful pests and plant diseases and complies with Bermuda's phytosanitary regulations. Any specific attestations will be specified in the import permit granted to the importing party by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Plant Health Unit.

- Export Health Certificate (seafood): This certificate is required by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Fisheries Division, for food safety/quality reasons. Standard language pre-printed on the certificate is acceptable. No additional attestations are required.

Section IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

- Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5): Bermuda requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. Federal Agency, namely USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). All certificates must be signed by an FSIS veterinarian. Customs Officials will accept the FSIS certificate for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry and be presented in order to obtain an import permit.

- U.S. Origin Health Certificate (Veterinary Services Form 17-140): Bermuda requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. Federal Agency, namely USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). All certificates must be signed by an APHIS veterinarian. Customs Officials will accept the APHIS certificate for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry in order to obtain an import permit.

- Certification of Inspection of Export Animals (Veterinary Services Form 17-37): This original certificate, issued by an APHIS Veterinary Services veterinarian at the port of embarkation, must be attached to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate (Veterinary Services Form 17-140).

- Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577): Bermuda requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. Federal Agency. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is the principal U.S. Federal Agency responsible for conducting inspections and issuing Phytosanitary Certificates. Bermuda will not accept a U.S. State issued Phytosanitary Certificate (unless authorized to do so by USDA) or a Manufacturer/Supplier's Export Declaration as proof of compliance. Customs Officials will accept the certificate for the indicated shipment only, and the original certificate must accompany the plant products at the time of entry.

- Export Health Certificate (for seafood products): This certificate is required to be issued by a Federal agency. In the United States this certificate is issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service, Seafood Inspection Program. The original health certificate (issued within the 10 days prior to animal's arrival) which includes the identity, contact information, and signature of the issuing veterinarian is required for entry.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements to Ensure Market Entry

For further information on certification and other requirements please click on the following links:

Horses, Ponies, Equines	https://www.gov.bm/online-services/import-horses-ponies-or-equines
Animals	https://www.gov.bm/importing-animals-bermuda
High-Risk Produce	https://www.gov.bm/sites/default/files/High%20Risk%20Produce.pdf
High-Risk Areas	https://www.gov.bm/sites/default/files/High%20Risk%20Areas.pdf
Plant Material for Propagation	https://www.gov.bm/online-services/import-plant-material-propagation
Christmas Trees	https://www.gov.bm/online-services/import-christmas-trees
Fish, Marine Fish, Lobster or Seashells	https://www.gov.bm/online-services/import-fish-marine-fish-lobster-or-seashells



Certification of Inspection of Export Animals (Veterinary Services Form 17-37):

Sample certificate available at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/vs17_37.pdf

APHIS Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577)

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0579-0052

No phytosanitary certificate can be issued until an application is completed (7 CFR 353)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF SAMPLE		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PLACE OF ISSUE SAMPLE NO. FPC XXXXXXX DATE INSPECTED	
CERTIFICATION			
This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.			
DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT			
1. DATE		2. TREATMENT	
3. CHEMICAL (active ingredient)		4. DURATION AND TEMPERATURE	
5. CONCENTRATION		6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT			
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER SAMPLE		8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE SAMPLE	
9. NAME OF PRODUCE AND QUANTITY DECLARED SAMPLE		10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS SAMPLE	
11. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES SAMPLE		12. DISTINGUISHING MARKS SAMPLE	
13. PLACE OF ORIGIN SAMPLE		14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE SAMPLE	
		15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY	
WARNING: Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this phytosanitary certificate is subject to civil penalties of up to \$250,000 (7 U.S.C. Section 7734(b)) or punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. Section 1001).			
ADDITIONAL DECLARATION			
SAMPLE			
		SAMPLE	
Page 1 of 1			
16. DATE ISSUED	17. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (Type or Print)	18. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER	
No liability shall attach to the United States Department of Agriculture or to any officer or representative of the Department with respect to this certificate.			

NOAA Export Certificate



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
SEAFOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM



CERTIFICATE NO.:
DATE:

EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

This certificate is admissible in all Courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any Federal or State laws. WARNING: Any person who shall falsely make issue, alter, forge or certify, or participate in any action, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than (1)year, or both [7 U.S.C. 1622(h)].

ISSUING OFFICE:

EXPORTED BY:

CONSIGNEE TO:

SHIPPED VIA:

PORT OF EMBARKATION

PORT OF DEBARKATION

IDENTIFYING MARKS:
NA

TOTAL CONTAINERS
571

TOTAL MARKED WEIGHT
14275.00 lb/ 6475.10 kg

PRODUCT	CLASS, TYPE STYLE	LOT NO. & CODE	CONTAINER SIZE	NO. CONTAINERS	LOT WEIGHT		LABEL BRAND
					LBS	KG	
Attachments:							
No Attachments							

RESULTS:

REMARKS:

<p><i>I certify that in compliance with the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce governing the inspection and certification of the product designated herein pursuant to the act of August 14, 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), samples from lots indicated above have been examined in accordance with current regulations and standards and the results are shown above.</i></p>	OFFICIAL STAMP
SIGNATURE/NO. OF INSPECTOR	

PLEASE REFER TO THIS CERTIFICATE BY NUMBER AND DATE.

Attachments: No Attachments