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**Report Highlights:**

All the sections of the report have been updated based on website links and contacts, as well as to comply with the updated reporting instructions. The report lists major certificates and permits required to export food and agricultural products from the United States to Mozambique. It is recommended that this report be read with the FAIRS Country Report, for a comprehensive understanding of the Mozambican regulations, standards, and import requirements.

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## Executive Summary

This report describes Mozambique's major required import documents, their purpose, and the necessary attestations. It also includes government certificate legal entry requirements and other certification/accreditation requirements. Specific Mozambican government agencies involved in import/export certifications and their role are also included.

## Section I: List of Export Certificates Required by Government (Matrix)

**Table 1: Required Export Certificates for Animals and Animal Products**

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Authority
Milk and Milk-Based Products for Human Consumption	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm type of product and its composition</li> <li>• Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER)
Milk and Milk-Based Products for Animal Consumption	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm type of product and its composition</li> <li>• Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER
Casein, Caseinate or Milk-Protein for Human Consumption Derived from Milk Products Imported from FMD-Infected Countries	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm type of product and its composition</li> <li>• Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER

Products from FMD-Infected Countries	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm type of product and its composition</li> <li>• Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER
Products Containing Dairy and/or Eggs	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate serves to confirm that product is not from areas that are declared affected by avian diseases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER
Raw Animal Wool, Mohair, and Scoured Animal Wool/Mohair	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm product meets international standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER
Hides and Skins	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm product meets international standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER
Pet Food	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm product meets international standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER
Animal and Animal Products	Import Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm product meets international standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER
Other Animals and Animal Products	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm product meets international standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> <li>• Prevent diseases</li> </ul>	MADER

Source: [Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development](#)

**Table 2: Required Export Certificates for Plants and Plant Products**

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Authority
Plants and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attests phytosanitary status in conformity with the specific regulation</li> <li>• Follows the international standards</li> <li>• Country of origin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarantine conformity</li> <li>• Control containments</li> <li>• Prevent spread of pests and diseases</li> </ul>	MADER
Plants and Plant Products	Import Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import authorization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves as the official import authorization</li> </ul>	MADER
Genetically Modified Organisms	GMO Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of import and authorization for seeds for testing in Mozambique</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product liability and control</li> </ul>	Ministry of Science & Technology

Liquor	Import Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import approval</li> <li>• Commodity meets acceptable standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality</li> </ul>	Ministry of Trade and Industry (MIC)
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Sources: [Ministry of Trade and Industry](#) and [Ministry of Science, Technology, and Higher Learning](#)

## Section II: Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificates

Mozambique's required certificates serve to attest:

1. **Veterinary Health Certificate:** the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER) requires this certificate to attest to food safety and quality and prevention of diseases. They confirm the type of product and its composition, confirm product compliance with international norms and standards, and confirm that the product is not from areas affected by listed diseases.
2. **Import Permit:** required by MADER, the Ministry of Science and Technology, or the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the permit grants import authorization and confirms that the product meets international standards.
3. **Phytosanitary Permit:** MADER requires this for quarantine conformity and control/containment of the spread of pests and diseases. It attests to phytosanitary status in conformity with specified regulations, this permit also verifies country of origin, and that the product conforms to international standards.
4. **GMO Permit:** the Ministry of Science and Technology requires this permit for product liability and control. It grants import approval for genetically engineered products and authorizes testing only in Mozambique.

## Section III: Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

**Table 3: Animals and Animal Products: Veterinary Health Certificate**

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	Varies by type of product	Usually for 90 days
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country waive export certificates?	No	
Does the foreign country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?	No	

**Table 4: Animals and Animal Products: Veterinary Import Permit**

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	

How long is the certificate valid?	Varies by type of product	Usually for 90 days
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country waive export certificates?	No	
Does the foreign country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?	No	

**Table 5: Plant and Plant Products: Phytosanitary Permit**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	90 days	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country waive export certificates?	No	
Does the foreign country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?	No	

**Table 6: Plant and Plant Products: Import Permit**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	90 days	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country waive export certificates?	No	
Does the foreign country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?	No	

**Table 7: Liquor: Import Certificate**

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	1 year	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	Yes	If it remains valid
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country waive export certificates?	No	
Does the foreign country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?	No	

**Table 8: Genetically Modified Organisms: Import Certificate**

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	1 year	Will be valid while testing is ongoing
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	Each import is considered one event.
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country waive export certificates?	No	
Does the foreign country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?	No	

#### Section IV: Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements to Ensure Market Entry

**Certificate of Origin:** Mozambique requires that imported goods are accompanied by a certificate of origin that must be obtained from the product provider at the place of origin. Mozambique has different agreements with foreign trade partners, like SADC and the EU, from which certificates of origin are given different import benefits. So far, Mozambique has not requested attestation of radioactivity of imported food products entering the country. For more details, the following links can be consulted: [www.at.gov.mz](http://www.at.gov.mz) and [www.mcnet.co.mz](http://www.mcnet.co.mz).

#### Appendix: Electronic Copy of Certificates

The Government of Mozambique does not provide electronic copies or online certificates. Some certificates may be acquired by request of the product importer or exporter.

Certificates that have been agreed upon between the government of Mozambique and USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) can be obtained on the APHIS website:  
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/live-animal-export/export-live-animals-mozambique>.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments

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