

Required Report: Required - Public Distribution

Date: January 10, 2025

Report Number: TD2024-0005

Report Name: FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual

Country: Trinidad and Tobago

Post: Miami ATO

Report Category: FAIRS Export Certificate Report

Prepared By: Omar Gonzalez

Approved By: Katherine Woody

Report Highlights:

This report outlines Trinidad and Tobago's (TT) certification requirements and includes an Export Certificate Matrix, as well as examples of select Export Certificates. To avoid costly customs clearance delays, it is recommended that U.S. suppliers have their TT buyer verify compliance with all certification requirements prior to shipping new-to-market products.

Table of Contents

<u>Executive Summary.....</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required by Government (Matrix).....</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Section II. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s).....</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Section III. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements.....</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Section IV. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements to Ensure Market Entry</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Appendix I - Sample Export Certificates</u>	<u>16</u>

NOTE: This report was prepared by the Caribbean Basin Agricultural Trade Office (CBATO) in Miami, Florida, for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care has been taken in the preparation of this report, information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCTS IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

Executive Summary

In terms of certificates required to import food and agricultural products into Trinidad and Tobago (TT), the main regulatory agencies are the Ministry of Health's Chemistry, Food and Drugs Division (CFDD), and the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries' Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services) and Crop Protection Sub-Division (Plant Quarantine Service). Close communication between parties engaged in trade and these regulatory agencies is key to ensuring a smooth import process in TT. Prior to any discussion on export certifications required by TT, it should be noted that TT's Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries requires importers to obtain an import permit for live animals, animal products, plants, and plant products. These import permits normally specify the conditions and documentation (including any export certificates) required for importing such products.

While export certification requirements are quite straightforward, they do demand special attention from U.S. suppliers. For government-issued export certificates (i.e. Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness), certificates are required to be issued by a U.S. federal agency. As a general rule, and unless otherwise noted in this report, export certificates must: a) be originals; b) accompany the product at the time of entry; and c) be for the indicated shipment only. This applies to all export certificates, including those issued by private sector entities.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required by Government (Matrix)

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
All Foods	Certificate of Free Sale	The products exported are produced and marketed in the United States in general conformity with U.S. requirements.	Food Safety	Ministry of Health's CFDD
Animal Products/ Fish Products	Health Certificate/ Sanitary Certificate	The animal/marine products destined for food consumption are free from disease and conform to negotiated standards concerning animal/marine health. *See Section II for specific language required.	Food Safety/Food Quality Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health's CFDD Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
Meat and Poultry Products	Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5)	The meat/poultry products have been inspected by a certified veterinarian, both ante-mortem and post-mortem, and are wholesome and fit for human consumption.	Food Safety/Food Quality Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health's CFDD Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
Canned and Packaged Meats	Cooking/Processing Certificate	The canned meat/poultry products were manufactured in accordance with USDA meat/poultry processing regulations. Must specify the temperature/minutes of the sterilizing process and the sterilizing value	Food Safety Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health's CFDD Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)

Unprocessed Plant Products (Fresh fruits & vegetables, rice, flour, peas, beans, plants & lumber)	Phytosanitary Certificate	The plant products have been inspected, are free of harmful pests and plant diseases, and comply with TT's phytosanitary regulations. Must declare from which U.S. state the plant products originated. *See Section II for sample language.	Food Safety Plant Protection	Ministry of Health's CFDD Ministry of Agriculture's Plant Quarantine Service
All Foods	Certificate of Analysis	Must give a complete chemical analysis of the product. Must identify the preservatives, food additives, and color additives of the product.	Food Safety/ Food Quality/ Heavy Metals/ Inorganic, Organic Standards	Min. of Health: CFDD
Peanuts/ Corn	Aflatoxin Certificate	An accredited laboratory has tested the peanuts/corn products, and the products do not exceed prescribed aflatoxin regulations.	Food Safety	Ministry of Health's CFDD
Fish	Mercury/Heavy Metals/ Contaminants /Toxins/ Residues Certificate (Certificate of Analysis)	The fish product meets or exceeds all purity standards specified by the TT government	Food Safety	Ministry of Health's CFDD
Halal/ Kosher Meat Products	Halal/Kosher Certificate	The meat product was slaughtered under religious ritual slaughter practices (Halal or Kosher). *See Section II for sample language	Religious Beliefs	Ministry of Health's CFDD
Dairy Products	Certificate of Origin	Must specify the country of origin of raw materials	Food Safety	Ministry of Health's CFDD

Egg Products	Egg Products Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5EP)	No additional attestations required from those preprinted on the certificate.	Food Safety/Food Quality Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health's CFDD Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
For casings from beef, pork, or sheep slaughtered in the United States	Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Fit for Human Use Statements (FSIS Form 9060-7)	No additional attestations required from those preprinted on the certificate.	Food Safety/Food Quality Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health's CFDD Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
For beef, pork and sheep casings legally imported into the United States	Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Sound and Clean Statements (FSIS Form 9060-18)	No additional attestations required from those preprinted on the certificate.	Food Safety/Food Quality Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health's CFDD Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
Dairy for Human Consumption	Sanitary Certificate for Exports	No additional attestations required from those preprinted on the certificate.	Food Safety/Food Quality Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health's CFDD Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
Feathers Intended for Ornamental Use	Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS Form 16-4A, as needed.	See Section II for information on attestations.	Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
Pet Foods and Pet Treats	Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS Form 16-4A, as needed.	See Section II for information on attestations.	Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)

Semen Extenders Containing Eggs	Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS Form 16-4A, as needed.	The United States or region of origin (State) meets the criteria of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health to be considered free of highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease.	Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
Bovine Embryos	U.S. Origin Health Certificate for Exportation of Bovine Embryos to Trinidad and Tobago	See Section II for information on attestations.	Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
Bovine Semen	Veterinary Health Certificate	See Section II for information on attestations.	Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)
Swine	U.S. Origin Health Certificate	See Section II for information on attestations.	Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services)

Note: For food safety purposes, the CFDD at its discretion *may* require other certificates for selected products such as organically grown foods, genetically engineered foods, or irradiated foods. Specific attestations may vary depending on the nature of the certificate. U.S. exporters should work closely with their TT importer in consulting with the CFDD to ascertain any other export certificates that may be required in addition to those listed above.

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

Certificate of Free Sale: This certificate should attest that the products exported to TT are produced and marketed in the United States in general conformity with U.S. requirements.

Health Certificate/Sanitary Certificate: This certificate should declare that the facilities are operated under sanitary conditions (under supervision/monitoring of the relevant regulatory agency) and animal/marine/other products destined for food consumption are free from disease and conform to negotiated standards concerning animal/marine health. This certificate should include the following attestation for animal products:

This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, bovine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.

Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness: This certificate should attest that the meat/poultry products have been inspected by a certified veterinarian, both ante-mortem and post-mortem, and are wholesome and fit for consumption.

Cooking and Processing Certificate: This certificate should declare that the canned meat/poultry products were manufactured in accordance with USDA meat/poultry processing regulations. The certificate should specify the temperature/minutes of the sterilizing process and the sterilizing value.

Phytosanitary Certificate: This certificate should certify that the shipment of plant products has been inspected, is free of harmful pests and plant diseases, and complies with TT's phytosanitary regulations. Furthermore, the Phytosanitary Certificate must declare from which U.S. state the plant products originated. While the TT government has not specified a specific declaration required on the Phytosanitary Certificate, the following sample attestation can be used as a guideline:

The products have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from pests and diseases and conform to the current phytosanitary requirements of Trinidad and Tobago.

Certificate of Analysis: This certificate should give a complete chemical analysis and microbiological analysis of the product. This certificate should also identify the preservatives, food additives, and color additives in the product.

Aflatoxin Certificate: This certificate should attest that an accredited laboratory has tested the peanuts/corn products, and the products do not exceed proscribed aflatoxin regulations.

Mercury/Heavy Metals/Contaminants/Toxins/Residues Certificate: This certificate should declare that the fish product meets or exceeds all purity standards specified by the TT government.

Halal/Kosher Certificate: This certificate should ensure that the meat product was slaughtered under religious ritual slaughter practices (Halal or Kosher). While the TT government has not specified a specific declaration required on Halal/Kosher Certificates, the following sample attestation can be used as a guideline for poultry products:

The poultry products covered by this certificate are derived from birds that received (Kosher/Halal) slaughter as based upon documentation provided by religious authorities or by (Kosher/Halal) label declaration.

The following sample attestation can be used as a guideline for beef products:

The beef products covered by this certificate are derived from cattle that received (Kosher/Halal) slaughter as based upon documentation provided by religious authorities or by (Kosher/Halal) label declaration.

Certificate of Origin: The certificate must state the country of origin of the raw materials.

Egg Products Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5EP): No additional attestations are required from those preprinted on the certificate.

Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Fit for Human Use Statements (FSIS Form 9060-7): No additional attestations are required from those preprinted on the certificate.

Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Sound and Clean Statements (FSIS Form 9060-18): No additional attestations are required from those preprinted on the certificate.

Sanitary Certificate for Exports (Dairy): No additional attestations required from those preprinted on the certificate.

Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) for feathers for ornamental use: A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support the statements below on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

“This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

U.S. origin product

- 1. The United States or region of origin meets the conditions of the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) to be considered free of highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined by the OIE.*
- 2. The product originates in the United States.*
- 3. The product was heat processed. (Provide processing parameters.)*

Imported product

- 1. The product was imported legally in accord with the regulations of the United States pertaining to highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease.*
- 2. The product was not processed in the United States.”*

Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) for pet foods and pet treats: A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support the statements below on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

“This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

- 1. The products may be freely sold in the United States as pet food.*
- 2. Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated products were sufficiently heat processed to assure destruction of pathogens of concern.*
- 3. Canned (hermetically sealed products) were treated to an F0 of 3.0 or more.*
- 4. Precautions were taken after processing to avoid contamination of the products.*
- 5. All products have been packed using new containers and packaging materials.”*

Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) for semen extenders containing eggs:

“The United States or region of origin (State: _____) meets the criteria of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health to be considered free of highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease.”

U.S. Origin Health Certificate for Exportation of Bovine Embryos to Trinidad and Tobago:

“Health data for donor animals:

- 1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), rinderpest, vesicular stomatitis, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.*
- 2. The donor females have been maintained in the herd of origin for at least 90 days prior to the date of embryo collection.*
- 3. The herd of origin of the donor females and the artificial insemination center, including the surrounding area within a radius of 20 km, have been free of vesicular stomatitis and bluetongue for a period of 90 days prior to and 30 days after embryo collection.*
- 4. The animals in the herd of origin and the artificial insemination center have shown no clinical signs of lumpy skin disease, bluetongue, vesicular stomatitis, IBR/IPV, BVD/mucosal disease, rift valley fever, brucellosis, campylobacteriosis, trichomoniasis, Johne's disease, leptospirosis, and tuberculosis within a period of 90 days prior to semen and embryo collection.*
- 5. The herd of origin and donor females have been subjected to a clinical examination 24 hours prior to embryo collection, as well as 30 days after collection, and have been found to be free of contagious and infectious diseases.*
- 6. The semen used for insemination of the donor female was collected from a bull resident in the named AI center for at least 90 days prior to collection, and that the bull has not been used for natural service during this period of time.*
- 7. The breeding of the donor female and removal of the embryos have taken place in the herd of origin where the donor female has been kept for the last 90 days.*
- 8. The embryo collection unit and processing laboratory are under the direct supervision of a USDA veterinarian.*
- 9. The collection unit and processing laboratory must be located in an area free of vesicular stomatitis.*
- 10. The embryos were collected, processed and transported in a sanitary manner so as to remain free of contamination by infectious disease agents.*
- 11. The embryos were washed at least 10 times with each progressive washing diluted 1:100 according to procedures recommended by the IETS. Only embryos from the same donor animal may be washed together.*
- 12. The embryos were examined microscopically and only embryos with intact zona pellucida are in*

this shipment.

13. The donor animals were negative to the intradermal caudal fold tuberculin test within 90 days prior to the date of recovery of the embryos and collection of semen:

*Date of test for bull and Date of test for cow and
results: _____ results: _____*

14. The donor animals originate from official brucellosis-free herds Or The donor animals were negative to the standard tube test and/or complement fixation test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to embryo collection and collection of semen:

*Date of test for bull and Date of test for cow and
results: _____ results: _____ ”*

Veterinary Health Certificate for bovine semen:

“The semen must be imported directly from the above-mentioned country to Trinidad. The semen must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a National Governmental Veterinary Officer stating:

(i) that the United States is free from foot-and-mouth disease and vesicular stomatitis.

(ii) that the donor bull was born and raised in the United States, and originated from a herd into which no introductions have been made from a foot-and-mouth disease and bluetongue infected area.

(iii) that the donor bull had been examined and found free from clinical signs of communicable diseases including tuberculosis, brucellosis, trichomoniasis, genital campylobacteriosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vaginitis, and enzootic bovine leukosis, and if the bull is kept in a herd, such a herd is also free from the diseases mentioned above.

(iv) that the donor bull originates from an establishment in which no case of bovine genital campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis have been reported in the last year as determined by an annual testing program.

(v) that the donor bull was serologically tested by the agar-gel immunodiffusion test for enzootic bovine leukosis with negative results within 3 months of export.

(vi) that the donor bull was negative to the following tests within the past six months:

(a) Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test using bovine PPD tuberculin.

(b) Brucellosis: Standard tube or standard plate test at the 1:50 dilution or complement fixation test at the 1:10 dilution.

(c) Genital campylobacteriosis: Direct examination of preputial samples and semen (Vibriosis) culture.

(d) Trichomoniasis: Direct examination of preputial samples and semen culture.

(e) *Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at the 1:400 dilution for L. pomona, L. hardjo, L. canicola, L. grippotyphosa, and L. icterohaemorrhagiae*

- OR -

vaccinated with the 5-serotype inactivated vaccine.”

U.S. Origin Health Certificate for swine:

1. *The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination.*
2. *The United States is free of African Swine Fever, Hog Cholera, and Swine Vesicular Disease.*
3. *During the 12 months prior to exportation, no cases of Vesicular Stomatitis have been reported to occur in the State of origin.*
4. *The animals for export are in good health and free of clinical evidence of infectious and contagious diseases with particular reference to viral pneumonia, vesicular exanthema, atrophic rhinitis, erysipelas, vibronic dysentery, pseudorabies and transmissible gastroenteritis.*
5. *The animals have not been vaccinated for hog cholera.*
6. *After due inquiry, I am satisfied that the swine to be exported have not been fed garbage at any time.*

Section III. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

Certificate of Free Sale: The TT government requests that a federal health authority issue this certificate. TT does not accept a Supplier’s or Manufacturer’s Export Declaration as proof of compliance. The Certificate of Free Sale is valid for 1 year and can be applied to multiple shipments of the same product. Exporters are required to update this certificate with the CFDD on an annual basis.

Health Certificate/Sanitary Certificate: The TT government requests that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. The TT government does not accept U.S. state-issued health certificates. The Health Certificate is valid for the length of time indicated on the certificate, otherwise valid for the indicated shipment, and it must accompany the products at the time of entry.

Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness: The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. The TT Government will not accept U.S. state-issued meat or poultry inspection certificates. Customs officials will accept the Certificate of Meat/Poultry for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry and be presented to obtain an import permit.

Cooking and Processing Certificate: The TT government requests that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. The TT government does not accept a Manufacturer/Supplier’s Export Declaration as proof of compliance. The certificate is only valid for the indicated shipment, and the original certificate must accompany the products at time of entry.

Phytosanitary Certificate: The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. The TT government will not accept a U.S. state-issued phytosanitary certificate 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.

Certificate of Analysis: The TT government accepts a manufacturer/supplier's export declaration as proof of compliance. The certificate is valid for the indicated shipment only, and the original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry. It is important to note, however, that for products considered "high risk" (such as meat and dairy); shipments may be detained by CFDD for sampling and subsequent microbiological testing. This situation is reportedly temporary until the CFDD provides further guidance on their policy going forward.

Aflatoxin Certificate: The TT government accepts a manufacturer/supplier's export declaration as proof of compliance. Customs officials will accept the aflatoxin certificate for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the peanut/corn products at the time of entry.

Mercury/Heavy Metals/Contaminants/Toxins/Residues Certificate: The TT government accepts a manufacturer/supplier's export declaration as proof of compliance. The certificate is valid for the indicated shipment only, and the original certificate must accompany the fish products at the time of entry.

Halal/Kosher Certificate: This certificate may be issued by a private sector religious authority. An original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.

Certificate of Origin: This certificate must be issued by an official body at the federal or local level in the United States. The certificate is only valid for the indicated shipment, and the original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry.

Egg Products Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5EP): The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. The TT government will not accept U.S. state-issued meat/poultry inspection certificates. Customs officials will accept this certificate for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry and be presented to obtain an import permit.

Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Fit for Human Use Statements (FSIS Form 9060-7): The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. The TT government will not accept U.S. state-issued certificates. Customs officials will accept this certificate for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry and be presented to obtain an import permit.

Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Sound and Clean Statements (FSIS Form 9060-18): The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. The TT government will not accept U.S. state-issued certificates. Customs officials will accept this certificate for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry and be presented to obtain an import permit.

Sanitary Certificate for Exports (Dairy): The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. Certificates should be for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry.

Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) for feathers for ornamental use: The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. Certificates should be for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry.

Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) for pet foods and pet treats: The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. Certificates should be for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry.

Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) for semen extenders containing eggs: The TT government requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. federal agency. Certificates should be for the indicated shipment only, and an original certificate must accompany the products at the time of entry.

U.S. Origin Health Certificate for Exportation of Bovine Embryos to Trinidad and Tobago: The embryos must be accompanied by an original U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the USDA and endorsed by an APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the embryos to be exported.

Veterinary Health Certificate for bovine semen: The semen must be accompanied by an original U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a national governmental veterinary officer.

U.S. Origin Health Certificate for swine: The animals must be accompanied by an original U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the USDA and endorsed by an APHIS VS veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported.

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

Exporters are advised that importers will likely require paperwork in advance of the arrival of any animal, animal product, plant, or plant product to request an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries. Import permits are issued on a shipment-by-shipment basis and only after the documents have been presented by the importer or importer's agent. If an import permit is issued, it will detail the conditions under which the product will be allowed to enter into TT (e.g. certification or any treatment that may be required). Therefore, U.S. exporters should work very closely with their TT importers to make sure that they fully comply with the specified conditions of entry. For more information on the subject, see the 2024 Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) Country Report for TT.

Commercial shipments of products made using animal skins, including drums, should be accompanied by documents demonstrating processing including the use of sufficient heat or chemical treatment to mitigate disease risk. In the event that the drums originate from countries other than the United States, TT's Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Sub-Division (Vet Services) reserves the right to require evidence of legal importation into the United States and may also require evidence of mitigation

sufficiently efficacious to mitigate risk from anthrax.

Finished leather and other finished animal products intended for commercial use may be exported to TT if shipped with documents that demonstrate processing to mitigate animal disease. A veterinary certificate is not required for finished leather products, such as leather bags, shoes and belts.

As noted earlier, the CFDD at its discretion *may* require a radiation certificate for selected foods. As a trade facilitative measure, USDA/FAS/Processed Products Division can issue letters noting that FDA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have programs that measure levels of radioactivity in the U.S. food supply and in ambient radiation levels in the U.S. environment respectively.

Appendix I - Sample Export Certificates


Export certificate templates are subject to updates from issuing agencies. The following sample certificates are intended for illustrative purposes only and may not necessarily reflect the latest version of the actual certificates issued.

Certificate of Free Sale

 FDA U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION <small>CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY & APPLIED NUTRITION</small>				
CERTIFICATE TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT: FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION CERTIFICATE OF FREE SALE				
CERTIFICATE NUMBER 123456789	COUNTRY OF EXPORT United States	COUNTRY OF DESTINATION Canada	EXPIRATION DATE May 31, 2020	
MANUFACTURER/PROCESSOR NAME AND ADDRESS Test Food Facility 887 Main Street Washington, District of Columbia 20011 United States		EXPORTER NAME AND ADDRESS Example Exporter 123 Exporter Way Washington, District of Columbia 20001 United States		
PRODUCT INFORMATION				
PRODUCT NAME	DATE OF PRODUCTION/PACKAGING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	QUANTITY	UNIT OF MEASURE
Product #1	May 15, 2020	Foil Pouch	50	Kilograms
Product #2	May 15, 2020	Box	45	Kilograms
Product #3	May 15, 2020	Tetra Pak	100	Liters
TOTAL NUMBER OF PRODUCTS: 3				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
CONTAINER/SEAL NUMBER: 567100 MEANS OF TRANSPORT: Airplane PLACE OF LOADING: DCA POINT OF ENTRY: YVR CONDITIONS FOR TRANSPORT/STORAGE: N/A CONSIGNEE/IMPORTER NAME AND ADDRESS: Example Import Company 987 Imports Way Vancouver, British Columbia V5K Canada				
ATTESTATION				
The product(s) described above and the manufacturing/processing facility where it is produced are subject to the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. It is certified that the above product(s) may be marketed in, and legally exported from, the United States of America at this time. The manufacturing/processing facility in which the product(s) is produced is subject to periodic inspections. The last such inspection showed that the facility, at that time, appeared to be in substantial compliance with U.S. requirements for the product(s) listed above.				
NAME AND TITLE John Doe, PhD, MSc, Acting Director, International Affairs Staff		DATE ISSUED May 15, 2020		 
SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>				

Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0583-0153. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 25 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instruction, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE		Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness				A knowingly false entry or false alteration of any entry on this certificate may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both (18 U.S.C.1001). Additional penalties exist under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 611(b) (1), (2); and (5); 21 U.S.C. 461) for an unauthorized or false alteration or misuse of this certificate.	
1. COUNTRY OF DESTINATION		2. ISO CODE		5. CERTIFICATE NUMBER MPM-		6. CERTIFICATE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT	
3. CONSIGNOR/EXPORTER (Applicant's name and address)				PRODUCT EXPORTED FROM:			
				7. EXPORT EST. NO. (Name and address)			
4. CONSIGNEE/IMPORTER (Name and address)							
				8. TOTAL NET WEIGHT		9. TOTAL NO. OF PACKAGES	
10. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT (Name of product)		11. NET WEIGHT OF LOT ¹		12. SPECIES	13. NUMBER OF PACKAGES IN LOT ¹	14. TYPE OF PACKAGES IN LOT ¹	15. SHIPPING/ IDENTIFICATION MARKS ¹
¹ As stated by applicant or contractor							
17. REMARKS							
<p><input type="checkbox"/> 18. I CERTIFY that the meat, meat food product or meat byproduct specified hereon is from animals that received both antemortem and postmortem inspection and were found sound and healthy and that it has been inspected and passed as provided by law and regulations of the Department and is sound and wholesome.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 19. I CERTIFY that the poultry, poultry products or poultry food products specified above came from birds that were officially given an antemortem and postmortem inspection and passed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption.</p>							
NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY A CERTIFYING OFFICIAL OF MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAM							
By order of the Secretary of Agriculture				20. CERTIFYING OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE BRYAN SEIDEL <small>C=US, or U.S. Government, ou=Department of Agriculture, cn=BRYAN SEIDEL, 0.92342.1920800.300.1.1=12001 002108044</small>		21. DATE SIGNED (mm/dd/yyyy) 	

This certificate is receivable 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 of the regulatory laws enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Phytosanitary Certificate

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

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0579-0052

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 XXXXXXXX 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		 NAPPO	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.			



FSIS Form 9060-5EP Egg Products Export Certificate of Wholesomeness



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FIELD OPERATIONS EGG PRODUCTS EXPORT CERTIFICATE OF WHOLESOMENESS		A knowingly false entry or alteration of any entry on the certificate may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both (18 USC 1001). Additional Prohibited Acts and Penalties exist under the Egg Product Inspection Act [21 USC 1037 (e) (2), (3), and (6), 21 USC 1041] for an unauthorized or false alteration or misuse of this certificate.		
DISTRICT OFFICE <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>		COUNTRY OF DESTINATION <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">EPA- SAMPLE</div>		
EXPORTED BY (Applicant's Name and Address including ZIP Code) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>		PRODUCT EXPORTED FROM EST. / PLANT NUMBER (if applicable)		
CONSIGNED TO ¹ (Name and Address including ZIP Code) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>		CITY <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>		
		<input type="checkbox"/> WAREHOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> PROCESSING PLANT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please Specify)		
TOTAL MARKED NET WEIGHT		TOTAL CONTAINERS		
PRODUCT AS LABELED	MARKED WEIGHT OF LOT ¹	NUMBER OF PACKAGES IN LOT ¹	SHIPPING MARKS / LOT NUMBER ¹	EST. / PLANT NUMBER ON PRODUCT
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 3em; opacity: 0.5;"> SAMPLE SAMPLE </div>				
¹ As stated by the applicant or contractor REMARKS				
<div style="font-size: 4em; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>				
<input type="checkbox"/> I CERTIFY that the egg products specified on this form have been inspected and passed in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption.				
NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY A FSIS INSPECTOR				
By order of the Secretary of Agriculture <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>		INSPECTOR AND DISTRICT <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>		
		Date Signed (MM/DD/YYYY)		
This certificate is receivable in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statement herein contained. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.				

FSIS FORM 9060-5EP (Edition date - 08/15/2015)

ORIGINAL

FSIS form 9060-7 Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem and Fit For Human Food Statements


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FIELD OPERATIONS ANIMAL CASINGS EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR COUNTRIES REQUIRING ANTE-MORTEM, POST-MORTEM AND FIT FOR HUMAN FOOD STATEMENTS		SERIAL NUMBER MPA
DISTRICT OFFICE	COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	
EXPORTED BY (Name and address including ZIP Code) 	CONSIGNED TO: 	
TOTAL MARKED NET WEIGHT (Specify unit, e.g. lbs. and/or kg.)	TOTAL CONTAINERS	

PRODUCT LABELLED	MARKED WEIGHT OF LOT	NUMBER OF PACKAGES IN LOT	SHIPPING MARKS	EST. NUMBER ON PRODUCT
				

REM.:RKS

I certify that the casings specified herein were derived from animals which received USDA ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter, and that the casings are sound, healthy, whole, some, and parts, and are suitable for human consumption, said casings have been handled only in a sanitary manner.


NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY AN INSPECTOR OF MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAM

By order of the Secretary of Agriculture:  DATE ISSUED (MM/DD/YYYY)

FSIS FORM 9060-7 (01-19-2011) PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE

ORIGINAL

FSIS Form 9060-18 (08/25/2011), Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Sound and Clean Statements.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FIELD DIVISIONS ANIMAL CASINGS EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR COUNTRIES REQUIRING ANTE-MORTEM, POST-MORTEM AND SOUND AND CLEAN STATEMENTS		SERIAL NUMBER	
DISTRICT OFFICE		COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	
EXPORTED BY (Applicant's Name and address)		CONSIGNEE TO (Name and address including ZIP Code)	
		<div style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>	
TOTAL MARKED NET WEIGHT (Specify unit, e.g., "SS" and/or "kg.")		TOTAL CONTAINERS	
PRODUCT AS LABELED	MARKED WEIGHT OF LOT	NUMBER OF PACKAGES IN LOT	EST/ PLANT NUMBER ON PRODUCT
<div style="font-size: 3em; color: blue; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>		<div style="font-size: 3em; color: blue; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>	
REMARKS			
<div style="font-size: 3em; color: blue; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>			
I certify that the animal casings specified hereon were accompanied by documentation showing they were derived from healthy animals which received ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter, and are clean and sound. Wherein establishments subject to USDA inspection, said casings have been handled in a sanitary manner and were not subject to contamination prior to exportation.			
NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY AN INSPECTOR OF MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAM			
By order of 		INSPECTOR AND DISTRICT	DATE ISSUED (MM/DD/YYYY)
FSIS FORM 9060-18 (08/25/2011)		PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE	
ORIGINAL			

AMS Form – Sanitary Certificate for Exports (Dairy)



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORTS



Country of Origin: USA

Certification Authority: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service

Reference Number of this Certificate: [CertNo]

I. Exporter (Name and Address)

[ExportName]

[ExportAddr]

[ExportCitySt]

II. Identification of the Dairy Products (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)

Product Description: [Description]

Condition or Kind of Treatment: [Condition]

Type of Packaging: [PkgType]

Number of Packages: [NumPkgs]

Total Net Weight: [NetWt]

Required Temperature, Storage and Transportation: [ReqTemp]

Validity Date (Shelf Life): [ShelfLife]

III. Origin of the Products: (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)

[OriginName]

[OriginCity]

Plant Number: [OriginNo]

IV. Product Destination: (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)

Origin: [DestName]

[DestAddr]

Destination: [Destination]

Method of Transport: [Transport]

V. Sanitary Certification

- (1) The United States of America is free from Foot & Mouth Disease and Rinderpest
- (2) The product was manufactured in facilities inspected and approved by the competent authority and subjected to regular audits or inspections aimed at ensuring that the processing is properly and hygienically carried out, to produce a product that is fit for human consumption.
- (3) The product was manufactured from milk or milk products that received a pasteurization treatment or adequate safeguards have been taken with the aim of avoiding public health hazards arising from pathogenic organisms associated with milk.
- (4) To the best of our knowledge, the product contains no harmful levels of contaminants.

[Date]

[Name]

[Title]

USDA, Dairy Grading

Date Signed

APHIS VS Form 16-4 Export Certificate for Animal Products (such as used for feathers intended for ornamental use, pet foods and pet treats, and semen extenders containing eggs).

<small>According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0579-0256. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.</small>		OMB Approved 0579-0256
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTS	Port:	
	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
	Date:	
	Certificate Number:	
<small>This certificate is for veterinary purposes only. It is valid for 30 days after the date of signature (in the case of export by ship or rail, the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage).</small>		
ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION <small>This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.</small>		
<div style="transform: rotate(-30deg); border: 2px solid black; padding: 20px; font-size: 100px; font-weight: bold; opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</div>		
SIGNATURE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL:	NAME OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL:	
	TITLE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL:	
DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER:	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE:	
PRODUCT (type of product, quantity, unit of measure, and animal product species of origin):		
IDENTIFICATION:	CONVEYANCE:	

U.S. Origin Health Certificate for Exportation of Bovine Embryos to Trinidad (1 of 3)

Health Certificate No. _____
(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary
Seal appears over the Certificate No.)

U.S. ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORTATION
OF BOVINE EMBRYOS TO TRINIDAD

Exporting Country: _____

Ministry (or Department): _____

State: _____

I. Donor animal and embryo identification:

- a. Name of bull: _____ Identification No. _____
- b. Name of female: _____ Identification No. _____
- c. Breed of donors: Bull _____ Female _____
- d. Age of donors: Bull _____ Female _____
- e. Date of collection of semen used: _____
- f. Code of semen used: _____
- g. Date of insemination of donor cow: _____
- h. Date of collection of the embryos: _____
- i. Number of embryos collected: _____
- j. Type and labelling of containers for storage and shipment of embryos _____
- k. Freezing date of embryos _____

II. Name and address of exporter of embryos _____

III. Name of owner of donor cow and farm or collection center address _____

U.S. Origin Health Certificate for Exportation of Bovine Embryos to Trinidad, continued (2 of 3).

Health Certificate No. _____
(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary
Seal appears over the Certificate No.)

IV. Name and address of the artificial insemination center that produced
the semen used: _____

V. Name and address of the importer of the embryos _____

VI. Health data for donor animals:

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), rinderpest, vesicular stomatitis, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.
2. The donor females have been maintained in the herd of origin for at least 90 days prior to the date of embryo collection.
3. The herd of origin of the donor females and the artificial insemination center, including the surrounding area within a radius of 20 km, have been free of vesicular stomatitis and bluetongue for a period of 90 days prior to and 30 days after embryo collection.
4. The animals in the herd of origin and the artificial insemination center have shown no clinical signs of lumpy skin disease, bluetongue, vesicular stomatitis, IBR/IPV, BVD/mucosal disease, rift valley fever, brucellosis, campylobacteriosis, trichomoniasis, Johne's disease, leptospirosis, and tuberculosis within a period of 90 days prior to semen and embryo collection.
5. The herd of origin and donor females have been subjected to a clinical examination 24 hours prior to embryo collection, as well as 30 days after collection, and have been found to be free of contagious and infectious diseases.
6. The semen used for insemination of the donor female was collected from a bull resident in the named AI center for at least 90 days prior to collection, and that the bull has not been used for natural service during this period of time.
7. The breeding of the donor female and removal of the embryos have taken place in the herd of origin where the donor female has been kept for the last 90 days.
8. The embryo collection unit and processing laboratory are under the direct supervision of a USDA veterinarian.

U.S. Origin Health Certificate for Exportation of Bovine Embryos to Trinidad, continued (3 of 3).

Health Certificate No. _____
(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary
Seal appears over the Certificate No.)

9. The collection unit and processing laboratory must be located in an area free of vesicular stomatitis.
10. The embryos were collected, processed and transported in a sanitary manner so as to remain free of contamination by infectious disease agents.
11. The embryos were washed at least 10 times with each progressive washing diluted 1:100 according to procedures recommended by the IETS. Only embryos from the same donor animal may be washed together.
12. The embryos were examined microscopically and only embryos with intact zona pellucida are in this shipment.
13. The donor animals were negative to the intradermal caudal fold tuberculin test within 90 days prior to the date of recovery of the embryos and collection of semen:

Date of test for bull and
results: _____

Date of test for cow and
results: _____

14. The donor animals originate from official brucellosis-free herds Or

The donor animals were negative to the standard tube test and/or complement fixation test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to embryo collection and collection of semen:

Date of test for bull and
results: _____

Date of test for cow and
results: _____

Signature of accredited veterinarian: _____

Date: _____

Signature and seal of USDA veterinarian: _____

Date: _____

Attachments:

No Attachments