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**Report Highlights:**

This report describes the major export certificates required by the Government of Haiti for imports of food and agricultural products. The following sections of this report indicate the certificates required for each category of products, including their purpose, the requesting ministry, and their outlines.

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## Executive Summary

This report addresses the certificates required by the Government of Haiti to authorize the entry of food and other agricultural products in Haiti. There are no major changes in the requirements for imported food to Haiti.

## Section I: List of all Export Certificates Required by Haiti and the Products They Cover

Haiti has several documentation requirements for imported food and agricultural products. Such requirements include those related to quality, quarantine, origin, and import control and can vary between products and product categories. However, it is highly recommended that U.S. exporters ensure that all necessary customs clearance requirements have been verified with local authorities and to work closely with Haitian importers to be informed of changes.

### Export Certification Requirement Examples

The following provides a sample of products and certification requirements. Please note that not all sample copies of attestations are available, as they differ for each product and are subject to change. Due to ongoing political unrest and violence, updates to links for government certificates and other resources are limited.

**Table A: List of All Export Certificates Required by the Government of Haiti**

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
<b>All food products</b>	Certificate of Origin	The origin country	NA	Ministry of Economy and Finance
<b>Plant and plant products exempt plant products in cans</b>	Phytosanitary Certificate	The plant and plant products are from areas free of infectious diseases or highly harmful parasites	Sanitary	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development; and  Ministry of Economy and Finance
<b>Bulk products including but not limited to rice, wheat flour and sugar</b>	Certificate of weight and quality	The weight of the product  The quality of the product	Food quality and tax collection	Ministry of Economy and Finance
	Insurance certificate	Information on the insured product	Tax collection	

<b>Product</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry</b>
<b>Seedlings, seeds, fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants</b>	Phytosanitary Certificate	Product is recognized as coming from a certified facility for export and is free of infectious disease and highly harmful organisms.	Sanitary	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development; and Ministry of Economy and Finance
<b>Processed foods</b>	Laboratory certificate	Product is recognized by the competent authorities as safe for human consumption.	Food quality	Ministry of Economy and Finance
<b>Animal products including fresh and frozen meat</b>	Zoo Sanitary Certificate	Product is recognized by the competent authorities as coming from a country free of  Foot-and-Mouth Disease,  Vesicular Stomatitis,  Porcine Vesicular Disease,  Rinderpest,  Blue Tongue Disease,  Classic Swine Fever,  African Swine Fever,  Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza,  Sheep and Goat Pox, and  Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.	Food safety and sanitary	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development; and Ministry of Economy and Finance

<b>Product</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry</b>
		<p>Product was prepared in the best hygienic conditions.</p> <p>Product is recognized as coming from inspected animals free of infectious disease.</p> <p>Product has been certified by the competent authorities for human consumption.</p> <p>Product has not been contaminated by aflatoxin, dioxin, or other radioactive products.</p> <p>Product was prepared and packaged in officially certified facilities for export and stored at recommended temperature.</p> <p>Confirm that cold chain has never been broken.</p>		
<b>Live animals, exempt dogs and cats as domestic animals</b>	Zoo sanitary Certificate	<p>Animal is recognized by the competent authorities as free from infectious disease.</p> <p>Animal was dewormed 15 days prior to embarkment, including date and nature of vaccines.</p>	Sanitary	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development; and

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
				Ministry of Economy and Finance.
<b>Table eggs</b>		Country of origin Exporter's name and address Farm area's name  Certifying authority's name and address  Importer's name and address  Production date  Quantity of the shipment  Quantity of boxes of the shipment  Product usage	Food safety and sanitary	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development
<b>Fertile eggs, chicks, poultry</b>	Zoo sanitary Certificate	Product is recognized by the competent authorities as coming from a country free of Avian Influenza and Fowl Plague.  Product is recognized as coming from farms free of Gumboro, Avian Leukosis, Mycoplasmosis, and Mareck disease.  Product is recognized as coming from surroundings free	Sanitary	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development;  and  Ministry of Economy and Finance

<b>Product</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry</b>
		of New Castle, Avian Tuberculosis, Infectious Bronchitis, Avian Chlamydia, Infectious Laryngotracheitis, Pullorosis, Duck Virus Enteritis, and Duck Virus Hepatitis.		
<b>Fishery Products for reproduction</b>	Sanitary Certificate	Product is recognized as coming from farms free of Hemorrhagic Septicemia, Hematopoietic Necrosis, Herpes Virus, Salmon viral disease, and Spring Viremia of Carp. Product has not been subjected to hormonal or atomic treatments	Sanitary	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development; and Ministry of Economy and Finance
<b>Dairy Products</b>	Laboratory Certificate	Country origin Exporter's name and address Certificate number Competent authorities for certification Certification organization Import country	Food safety	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development; and Ministry of Economy and Finance

<b>Product</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry</b>
		Embarkment place Transport type, Port of entry,  Storage and transport conditions required, Quantity, Container number, Total number of packages, Detailed information of food product, Manufactured date, Minimum expiry date, Type of package, Net weight of each type of package, Food nature related to CODEX Alimentarius, Usage,  License agreement and number center Product name as on the label Lot identification number Updated authorization of the center Certify agent information,		



Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
		including name, position, signature date, and signature		

**Section II: Purpose of Specific Export Certificate**

To import food and agricultural products into Haiti, the importer must supply a different set of documents depending upon the category of the product being imported. Those documents include certificate of origin, phytosanitary certificate, zoo sanitary certificate, certificate of weight and quality, insurance certificate, and laboratory certificate. The purpose and the requesting ministry for each document are listed in Table A above by category, including all food products, plant and plant products, bulk products, seeds, seedlings, ornamental plants, processed food, animal and animal products, fresh and frozen meat, table eggs and fertile egg, fishery products, and dairy products.

**Section III: Specific Attestation Required on Export Certificate**

Each category of products requires specific attestation related to Haitian health and quarantine measures applied by the government of Haiti. Controlled agricultural products can be imported if the sanitary certificate testifies to the absence of pest, disease, and banned treatment processes related to the category of product. The specific attestation of each document is listed above by category. For additional information, review Post’s 2024 FAIRS Country Annual report.

**Section IV: Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements**

The original certificate must accompany each shipment at the port of entry for all categories of products. Haiti does not require a certificate of free sale. All certificates listed above are applied to one shipment. Sanitary certificates for plant/plant products and animal/animal products are valid for three months and are part of the documentation required to export those products into Haiti. A supplier’s or manufacturer’s export declaration or a U.S. state-issued export certificate are accepted as additional documents but cannot substitute official documents.

**Table B: Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements**

Title of Certificate	Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	How long is the certificate valid? Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	Will the country accept a Supplier's or Manufacturer's Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Will the foreign country accept a U.S. state- issued export certificate?	Will the country derogate export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?
Certificate of origin	Yes	3 months, but are valid only once to facilitate one shipment entry	Yes, this is required in addition to other required certificates listed in Table A	Yes, this is required in addition to other required certificates listed in Table A	Yes, the country may derogate a certificate that does not comply with the requirements on a case by case basis
Phytosanitary certificate	Yes	"	"	"	"
Certificate of weight and quality	Yes	"	"	"	"
Insurance certificate	Yes	"	"	"	"
Laboratory certificate	Yes	"	"	"	"
Sanitary certificate	Yes	"	"	"	"

According to shipping sources, Haitian authorities indicate that radioactive type commodities are restricted, therefore should be subject to letters of attestation. There is no information available regarding specific language and/or model of certificate in this case.

## **Appendix I**

The USDA is the official authority to issue a phytosanitary or zoo sanitary certificate. A laboratory must be authorized by the U.S. Government to be able to issue a laboratory certificate. An insurance company must be legally registered internationally to be able to issue an insurance certificate.

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No Attachments