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**Report Highlights:**

As a member of the European Union (EU), the Czech Republic implements EU regulations regarding required export certifications. For information on EU export certifications, please see the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards – Certification Report prepared by the United States Mission to the EU in Brussels available at

[https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual\\_Brussels%20USEU\\_European%20Union\\_E42024-0034](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual_Brussels%20USEU_European%20Union_E42024-0034).

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FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCT IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines specific Czech export certificates. The export certification requirements for most products destined for the European Union (EU) market have been harmonized. The Czech Republic, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. It is therefore recommended that this report is read in conjunction with the [EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards \(FAIRS\) Export Certificate annual report](#)<sup>1</sup> produced by the U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium, which you can find in the public [FAS GAIN database](#).

## Section I. Export Certificates Required by the Government and Their Purpose

Veterinary health certificates ensure that animals can be moved safely avoiding the transmission of diseases to either the public or other animals. The EU has a wide range of animal health requirements for products of animal origin to guarantee that imports meet the same standards of production as in member states. Phytosanitary certificates are needed for all plant products that could introduce pests into the EU. A complete overview of all EU harmonized export certificates, including links to certificates, is provided in the [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#)<sup>2</sup>. This report also provides links to U.S. agencies or organizations which issue certificates and references to the EU legislation, which includes model certificates.

EU harmonized certificates and information related to trade with commodities subject to veterinary controls are available at the [State Veterinary Administration](#)<sup>3</sup> of the Czech Republic under the "Trade with Veterinary Commodities" tab on the left-hand side of the website.

Plants, plant products and other goods with a risk of transmission of quarantine pests in international trade are subject to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). Procedures for territory monitoring, taking measures, announcing requirements, investigating shipments and communication between phytosanitary authorities are defined by International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).<sup>4</sup>

According to the IPPC, a [phytosanitary certificate](#)<sup>5</sup> is defined as a standardized communication from the official phytosanitary authority of the exporting country to the official phytosanitary authority of the importing country. The content of phytosanitary certificates is thus limited to information on the origin and health status of commodities/plants. Phytosanitary certificates are not issued based on the requirements of the trader but according to the official import requirements of the destination country.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual\\_Brussels%20USEU\\_European%20Union\\_E42024-0034](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual_Brussels%20USEU_European%20Union_E42024-0034).

<sup>2</sup>[https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual\\_Brussels%20USEU\\_European%20Union\\_E42024-0034](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual_Brussels%20USEU_European%20Union_E42024-0034).

<sup>3</sup> <https://en.svscr.cz/trade-with-vet-commodities/general-information/>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/ispm/>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/en/ephyto/>.

For more details, please contact the State Phytosanitary Administration, which is part of the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture (CISTA). The current contact information for this organization can be found in Appendix I of this document.

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

For additional information on U.S. export certificates for the EU market please search for the latest [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#)<sup>6</sup> or check out the [USEU website](#)<sup>7</sup> on Import Controls and Certification. For instructions for exporters of FDA regulated products certified by other agencies see Appendix II. For imports of composite products (foodstuffs containing both products of plant origin and processed products of animal origin) please refer to a dedicated EU [website](#)<sup>8</sup> and Appendix II. of this report.

## Section III. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

For additional information on U.S. export certificates for the EU market please access the latest [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#)<sup>9</sup> or check out the [USEU website](#)<sup>10</sup> on Import Controls and Certification.

## Section IV. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

**Pet birds:** In addition to an EU harmonized certificate, it is necessary to request requirement information from the State Veterinary Administration. Contact information is listed in Appendix I of this report. Detailed rules for non-commercial movement of pet birds from a territory or third country to the European Union can be found at this link: [https://en.svs.cr.cz/wp-content/files/trade/Rules\\_non-commercial\\_movement\\_pet\\_birds\\_TC\\_EU\\_EN\\_1.1.2022.pdf](https://en.svs.cr.cz/wp-content/files/trade/Rules_non-commercial_movement_pet_birds_TC_EU_EN_1.1.2022.pdf).

### U.S. Radiation Monitoring

As stated in the [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#),<sup>11</sup> the European Union does not require attestation of radioactivity for imports. The harmonization of EU rules on food irradiation has been slow and only a few products have so far received EU-wide approval. The import of irradiated food from the United States is not authorized as no U.S. establishments are included in the list of approved facilities in

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<sup>6</sup>[https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual\\_Brussels%20USEU\\_European%20Union\\_E42024-0034](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual_Brussels%20USEU_European%20Union_E42024-0034).

<sup>7</sup> <https://usda-eu.org/import-controls/certification/>.

<sup>8</sup> [https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/international-affairs/eu-entry-conditions/composite-products\\_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/international-affairs/eu-entry-conditions/composite-products_en).

<sup>9</sup>[https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual\\_Brussels%20USEU\\_European%20Union\\_E42024-0034](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual_Brussels%20USEU_European%20Union_E42024-0034).

<sup>10</sup> <https://usda-eu.org/import-controls/certification/>.

<sup>11</sup>[https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual\\_Brussels%20USEU\\_European%20Union\\_E42024-0034](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Export%20Certificate%20Report%20Annual_Brussels%20USEU_European%20Union_E42024-0034).

third countries for the irradiation of foods. EU regulations do not require certification related to the non-application of irradiation treatment as a condition for entry of food.

## Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

### Export Certificates' Outlines

For copies and outlines of the required export certificates please follow the links under Export Certification in Section I. The State Veterinary Administration strongly recommends contacting them for current conditions and requirements prior to exporting live animals and animal products to the Czech Republic at [int@svscr.cz](mailto:int@svscr.cz).

### Relevant Contacts

#### **Ministry of Agriculture**

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## Appendix II. Instructions for Exporters of FDA Regulated Products Certified by Other Agencies

### Composite Products to the EU:

The EU defines a composite product as a food product containing both processed products of animal origin (dairy, egg, fishery products, or meat products) and products of plant origin. [USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service \(FSIS\) will issue EU composite product certificates](#)<sup>12</sup> for composite products produced at FSIS-regulated facilities and bearing the USDA mark of inspection. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Dairy Program will issue EU composite product certificates for composite products NOT produced in an FSIS-regulated facility and not bearing the USDA mark of inspection, regardless of whether dairy is an ingredient in the composite product.

The new EU requirements for composite products will impact stakeholders who have not been required to obtain an export certificate from AMS Dairy Program in the past. Prior to requesting a certificate from AMS Dairy Program, a new customer will need to establish a USDA level 2 e-authentication account Refer to AMS's guide on their [EU Dairy and Composite Product Certification Program](#)<sup>13</sup> for more information.

### Dairy to the EU

AMS is the certifying agency for [EU export certificates for dairy products](#)<sup>14</sup> regulated by FDA. For more information, contact [DairyExportsQuestions@usda.gov](mailto:DairyExportsQuestions@usda.gov). In order to obtain an EU Health Certificate, the manufacturers must have their final production, blending, and/or packing facility listed on the [List of EU Approved Facilities maintained on the European Commission website](#).<sup>15</sup> Exporters should check whether they have been included in this list. Exporters may apply for inclusion on these lists through the FDA Export Listing Module (ELM). Please visit [Online Applications for Export Lists](#)<sup>16</sup> for a link to this electronic system and step-by-step instructions.

### Dairy to Other Export Markets

The AMS Dairy Program is responsible for issuing dairy export certificates accepted by most countries. Information on these certificates can be [obtained through this website](#).<sup>17</sup> The Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issues export certificates for a limited number of countries including Albania, Australia, Georgia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Suriname, and Ukraine. Information regarding APHIS export certificates can be [obtained through this website](#).<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/import-export-library/european-union>.

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports/eu-dairy-exports>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports/eu-dairy-exports>.

<sup>15</sup> <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/directory/listing/establishment/publication/index#!/search?countryCode=US>.

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-export-lists/online-applications-export-lists>.

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports/dairy-sanitary-certificates>.

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-product-export>.

## Eggs and Egg Products

In the egg sector, AMS is the certifying agency for export certificates for egg products regulated by FDA. The AMS Livestock, Poultry and Seed Division is responsible for EU export certificates for food products containing eggs or egg products that are regulated by FDA. In addition to shell eggs, FDA-regulated egg products include hard boiled eggs, cooked omelets, frozen egg patties, imitation egg products, egg substitutes, noodles, cake mixes, freeze-dried products, dietary foods, dried no-bake custard mixes, eggnog mixes, acidic dressings, mayonnaise, milk and egg dip, foods containing egg extracts, French toast, sandwiches containing eggs or egg products, and balut and other similar ethnic delicacies. For more information on jurisdiction overlap for commercial products regulated by either or both FDA and USDA, please refer to the [FDA/USDA jurisdictional chart](#) (Exhibit 3-1). U.S. exports of eggs and egg products to the EU are subject to establishment listing requirements as a precondition for market access. Establishments may apply for inclusion on these lists via the [Export Listing Module \(ELM\)](#).<sup>19</sup> Please visit Online Applications for Export Lists for a link to this electronic system and step-by-step instructions. [List of EU approved facilities is maintained on the European Commission website.](#)

## Seafood

An EU export health certificate is required by the EU Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection and attests to the safety of fish and fishery (both wild and aquaculture) products shipped to the EU. U.S. exports of seafood products to the EU are subject to establishment listing requirements as a precondition for market access. Establishments may apply for inclusion on these lists via the [Export Listing Module \(ELM\)](#).<sup>20</sup> Please visit Online Applications for Export Lists for a link to this electronic system and step-by-step instructions. Please note that the EU will only accept export certificates signed after an establishment has been added to the list published on the [EC website](#) and after the list has entered into force. Once listed, U.S. establishments may contact the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Seafood Inspection Program to request export certificates for U.S. seafood exports to the EU. Prior to exporting, industry should consult the [EC's EU List of Approved Establishments](#) to verify that the establishment from which they intend to export is listed. These certificates must be requested and issued prior to shipment of the product. [Follow this link to submit a request online.](#)<sup>21</sup>

## Honey to the EU

The European Union (EU) has listed the United States as a country eligible to export honey to the European Union provided honey producers meet their program requirements. Under the program, domestic U.S. companies must adhere to specific requirements for each shipment destined to a EU member country. The [USDA Agricultural Marketing Service outlines specific requirements for U.S. honey shipped to EU markets](#)<sup>22</sup> related to Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Point (HAACP)

<sup>19</sup><https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/directory/listing/establishment/publication/index#!/search?countryCode=US>.

<sup>20</sup>[https://www.fda.gov/media/112092/download#:~:text=The%20Export%20Listing%20Module%20\(ELM\)%20is%20an%20electronic%20system%20for,for%20FDA%2Dregulated%20food%20products](https://www.fda.gov/media/112092/download#:~:text=The%20Export%20Listing%20Module%20(ELM)%20is%20an%20electronic%20system%20for,for%20FDA%2Dregulated%20food%20products).

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/seafood-commerce-trade/export-certification-european-union>.

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/honey>.



planning, recordkeeping, testing, sampling, as well as labeling requirements in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and that the product(s) have been handled and where appropriate, prepared, packaged, and stored in a hygienic manner in accordance with the requirements of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 ([these regulations can be downloaded from the following link<sup>23</sup>](#)). For more information, refer to the following report: [Procedure for EU TRACES Registration of Honey and Other Apiculture Products Establishments - New EU Market Access Rules from 29 November 2024.](#)<sup>24</sup>

## Seeds for Sprouting to the EU

USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) is the certifying agency for seeds for sprouting regulated by FDA. See: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/content/usda-announces-seed-sprouting-export-certification-program>.

## Attachments:

No Attachments

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<sup>23</sup> [https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Feur-lex.europa.eu%2Flegal-content%2FEN%2FTEXT%2FPDF%2F%3Furi%3DCELEX%3A32004R0852R\(01\)%26from%3DEN&data=05%7C01%7C%7Ce273e0e0f55b49ac921f08dacc6631%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638047466915375526%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FOI%2BZSdZAwErDIKm2Vl8DmSe0XDNyO6vC2SUj3Jug%3D&reserved=0](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Feur-lex.europa.eu%2Flegal-content%2FEN%2FTEXT%2FPDF%2F%3Furi%3DCELEX%3A32004R0852R(01)%26from%3DEN&data=05%7C01%7C%7Ce273e0e0f55b49ac921f08dacc6631%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638047466915375526%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FOI%2BZSdZAwErDIKm2Vl8DmSe0XDNyO6vC2SUj3Jug%3D&reserved=0).

<sup>24</sup> [https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Procedure%20for%20EU%20TRACES%20Registration%20of%20Honey%20and%20Other%20Apiculture%20Products%20Establishments%20-%20New%20EU%20Market%20Access%20Rules%20from%2029%20November%202024\\_Brussels%20USEU\\_European%20Union\\_E42024-0005](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Procedure%20for%20EU%20TRACES%20Registration%20of%20Honey%20and%20Other%20Apiculture%20Products%20Establishments%20-%20New%20EU%20Market%20Access%20Rules%20from%2029%20November%202024_Brussels%20USEU_European%20Union_E42024-0005)