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This report provides information on agricultural product export certificates required by the Government of Croatia and was updated as of November 2024.

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## Disclaimer

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**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

All sections of the previous FAIRS Export Certificate Report have been updated to reflect EU certification requirements at the time this report was written.

### Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required by the Government of Croatia

As a member of the European Union, Croatia follows EU directives and regulations. This report should be read in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) Export Certificate Report produced by the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#).

The document requirements for exporting animals, plants, and food to the EU are extensive. The [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#) provides an overview of the required EU health certificates for products imported or transiting through the EU. In some cases, model certificates may not be available for new-to-market products exported to the EU or when relevant U.S. authorities are unable to provide attestation required by the EU. References to EU legislation that establish the basis for health certificate requirements are provided in the [EU-27 FAIRS Report](#).

While certification requirements are developed at the EU level, Member States (MS) are responsible for the enforcement of EU legislation and the inspection of imported goods. In general, health certificates are required for all imported products of animal origin and phytosanitary certificates are needed for plant products that could potentially introduce pests into the EU region.

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Products of animal origin	Health Certificates  For details see the <a href="#">EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>	Attestation is dependent on the product. Detailed attestations can be found in the model certificates available at <a href="#">EUR-Lex</a> , for details see <a href="#">EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a> .	Food Safety	Ministries of Agriculture and Health through State Inspectorate's Veterinary and Sanitary Inspections.

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Composite products	Health Certificate	<a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292</a> establishes specific entry conditions for composite products.	Food Safety	Ministries of Agriculture and Health through State Inspectorate's Veterinary and Sanitary Inspections.
Plant products that can introduce pests	Phytosanitary Certificate	APHIS attest to specific requirements of EU legislation by providing additional declarations in the relevant phytosanitary certificate boxes. These declarations are specific to plant species and subject to change.	Plant Health	Ministry of Agriculture through State Inspectorate's Phytosanitary Inspection.
Various plant products	Other than Phytosanitary Certificate.  For details see the <a href="#">EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>	e.g. aflatoxin levels in almonds:  Use of the Pre-Export Checklist Program Certificate (the PEC Certificate) is not mandatory but EU regulation specifies consignments with this certificate are controlled for aflatoxin levels at less than 1%. USDA/AMS is the competent authority for the PEC program.	Food Safety and Quality	Ministries of Agriculture and Health through State Inspectorate's Phytosanitary and Sanitary Inspections.

Import requirements for animals and animal products are harmonized across the EU. The EU must recognize a country as eligible to export a particular animal or animal product from an approved establishment. The EU maintains lists of approved establishments based on submissions from U.S. government agencies. The U.S. agencies assisting in the coordination of these approved establishment lists are the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). While recognized by the EU, approved establishments still may be subject to EU inspection. All EU-approved establishment lists are available at [Third Country Establishments](#). The EU imposes several general requirements for all veterinary certificates. USDA agencies issuing health certificates (FSIS, APHIS, and Agricultural Market Service - AMS) maintain pertinent EU export requirements in their reference libraries.

The EU import requirements for plants and plant products have been harmonized by Member States and are published in a single directive. Unlike veterinary products, there is only one model certificate for all plant products per international regulations of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations <https://www.ippc.int/en/ephyto/>. Phytosanitary certificates are issued by APHIS inspectors and include declarations that satisfy EU regulatory requirements.

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2292](#) establishes entry requirements for composite products. These are defined as foodstuffs intended for human consumption that contain processed products of animal origin and ingredients of plant origin. Composite products include a variety of items such as cheesecakes, high protein food supplements, pizza, lasagnas, etc. U.S. exports of “composite products” face onerous EU certification requirements. For example, while the U.S. is eligible to ship hormone-free meat, dairy products, egg products, and fishery products separately, it is not always possible to ship composite products that combine these eligible ingredients.

Three categories of composite product are defined: (1) non-shelf stable composite products, (2) shelf stable composite products that contain meat products and (3) shelf stable composite products that do not contain meat products. All processed products of animal origin must be sourced from EU-approved establishments. The EU requires composite product certificates for all non-shelf stable products as well as shelf stable composite products with a meat ingredient.

For shelf stable products not containing meat, no U.S. Government issued certificates are required. For these products, the importer must declare that the goods meet the relevant EU requirements, using the “Private Attestation” model form in Annex V of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2235](#). Specifically, the EU importer provides the list of ingredients and any relevant U.S. establishment approval numbers to the EU authorities.

More information on the import conditions for composite products is available on the European Commission’s [website](#). This website also includes a compilation of [Questions & Answers](#).

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

Whenever the EU publishes model veterinary certificates for use by eligible third country suppliers, U.S. regulatory agencies cross-out or delete any statement that refers to health situations not germane to the United States. Certificates for plants and plant products are issued by APHIS inspectors, who attest to the specific requirements of EU legislation with the necessary declarations in the space provided on the phytosanitary certificate.

## Section III. Government Certificate’s Legal Entry Requirements

The original version of the certificate must accompany each consignment at the point of entry into the EU. Certificates must be drawn up in the language of the country of dispatch (English for the United

States) and the Member State (MS) in which the border inspection takes place and the final destination. Member States may agree to accept certificates in another official EU language other than their own.

For the Croatian market and border crossings, certificates must be in the official language of the Republic of Croatia, which is Croatian, as well as in the language of any MS where the border inspection occurs.

All certificates can be found in Croatian on the EU Official Journal website ([EUR-Lex](#)) under the relevant regulation.

## **U.S. Competent Authorities**

Following is a list of U.S. agencies and a link to the relevant pages on their websites.

### **AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

- AMS Dairy Program-EU Dairy and Composite Product Certification Programs  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports/eu-dairy-exports>
- Certification for Eggs and Egg Products

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/eggs-egg-products>

- Certification for Honey

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

- Certification for Seeds for Sprouting

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/content/usda-announces-seed-sprouting-export-certification-program>

### **APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA**

- International Animal Export Regulations

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/live-animal-export>

- International Animal Products Export Regulations

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

- Plant Export Services

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/SA\\_Export](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/SA_Export)

### **FDA: Food and Drug Administration**

- <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-imports-exports/exporting-food-products-united-states>

### **FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA Export Requirements for the European Union:**

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

Exporters of FDA regulated products that are certified by other agencies should refer to Appendix II for specific guidance on how to meet EU product certification and establishment listing requirements.

### **NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

- <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/content/export-certification>

## **Croatian Competent Authorities**

Croatian State Inspectorate (all inspection services, e.g. veterinary, sanitary, phytosanitary)

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

There are no additional Croatian certificates (other than EU certificates) for food products derived from plants and animals.

**U.S. Radiation Monitoring** - The European Union, which includes Croatia 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 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. Direct Hyperlink, Electronic Copy, Scanned Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

There are no additional Croatian certificates (Other than EU certificates) for food products derived from plants and animals for the time being.

## 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](#) for products produced at FSIS-regulated facilities and bearing the USDA mark of inspection. AMS Dairy Program will issue the 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. [Go to How to Apply for an AMS Dairy or Composite Product Export Certificate for more information.](#)

### *Dairy to the EU*

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is the certifying agency for [EU export certificates for dairy products](#) 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](#). 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](#) for a link to this electronic system and step-by-step instructions.

### ***Dairy to Other Export Markets***

The Agricultural Marketing Service's Dairy Program is responsible for issuing dairy export certificates accepted by most countries. Information on these certificates can be [obtained through this website](#). 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](#).

### ***Eggs and Egg Products***

In the egg sector, USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) is the certifying agency for export certificates for egg products regulated by FDA. The AMS Livestock, Poultry and Seed Division is responsible for the EU export certificates for the 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, egg nog 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). Please visit Online Applications for Export Lists for a link to this electronic system and step-by-step instructions. [List of EU approved facilities maintained on the European Commission website](#).

### ***Seafood***

The 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 \(ELM\)](#). 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 the list has entered into force. Once listed, U.S. establishments may contact 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 External Link Disclaimer 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.](#)

### ***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 an EU member country. The [USDA Agricultural Marketing Service outlines specific requirements for U.S. honey shipped to EU markets](#) related to Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Point (HAACP) 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.

### ***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