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**Report Highlights:**

This report summarizes the list of major export certificates, documentations, and other regulatory requirements to export food and agricultural products to Ethiopia. The report is organized using information obtained from publicly available sources published online as well as from industry contacts. Post strongly suggests this report be read with the FAIRS Country Report for a complete insight on Ethiopia's import requirements, regulations, and standards.

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## Executive Summary

The major export certificates required to export food and agricultural products to Ethiopia are certificate of conformity, health certificate, phytosanitary certificate, veterinary certificate, certificate of origin, certificate of free sale, and certificate of irradiation. In addition, Ethiopian regulatory authorities require a registration certificate for food products including infant formula (powder milk) and food supplements. Furthermore, documents such as packing list, customs declaration, commercial invoice, and bill of lading should always accompany the export consignment. Other certification and documentation requirements depend on the type, nature of the food product, and vulnerability of end users of the product.

Ethiopia's authorities regulating imports of food and agricultural products are putting efforts on enhancing inter-agency synchronization to reduce bureaucratic hurdles and delays in inspection and customs clearance of goods. The Food and Drug Authority (EFDA), under the Ministry of Health (MoH), is the primary regulatory agency for processed food products. Meanwhile the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), as well as EFDA, regulates import products of plant and plant materials, livestock, and livestock genetic products. The Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration (MoTRI) also provides regulatory oversight on food and agricultural products subjected to mandatory Ethiopian standards through a pre-shipment verification of conformity program. The overall purpose of Ethiopia's regulatory requirements on imported products is to ensure food safety, quality, public health, plant/animal health, traceability, and environmental protection.

### Section I: List of All Export Certificates Required by the GOE

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)</b>
Food and agricultural products subject to Compulsory Ethiopian Standards ( <a href="#">CES</a> )	Certificate of Conformity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inspected product is found to be in compliance with the requirements of the applicable Ethiopian standards or equivalent.</li></ul>	Quality, food safety, public health, and environmental protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration (MoTRI)</li><li>Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority (EFDA)</li></ul>

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)</b>
Plant and plant products	Phytosanitary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant materials are free from diseases and pests; and plant parts are free from soil.</li> <li>• Specific attestation for seeds may include certification that the seeds are heat-treated using appropriate procedures/standards and found free from seed borne/seed transmitted diseases and other pests, as well as free from natural soil.</li> </ul>	Plant health	Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)
Oilseeds and grains, including rice	Phytosanitary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attestation for plant and plant products above.</li> </ul>	Plant health	MoA
Unprocessed vegetables, fruits, and nuts	Phytosanitary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attestation for plant and plant products above.</li> </ul>	Plant health	MoA

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)</b>
Processed foods and non-alcoholic beverages	Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certifying the product meets appropriate safety and quality standards. A health certificate shall at least have the following contents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Type of food and quantity</li> <li>○ Invoice number</li> <li>○ Certificate issued date and year</li> <li>○ Name, signature and full address of authorized official from a competent body issuing a health certificate.</li> <li>○ Certifying that the food is fit for human consumption or to be used as raw-materials for food-processing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Food safety and quality	EFDA
	Certificate of Conformity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product is found to be in compliance with the requirements of the applicable Ethiopian standards or equivalent.</li> </ul>	Quality, food safety, public health, and environmental protection.	
	Certificate of Origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Products are wholly obtained, produced, manufactured, or processed in the country of origin.</li> </ul>	Food safety and quality	
	Certificate of Irradiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certifying that the amount of radiation remaining in the food is not harmful to human consumption if the food is irradiated.</li> <li>• The residual level of radiation should be indicated.</li> </ul>	Food safety and public health	
	Free Sale Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Products in the shipment comply with U.S. requirements and are sold freely in the market of the country of origin.</li> </ul>	Food safety and quality	
Alcoholic	Certificate of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Products are wholly obtained,</li> </ul>	Quality and	EFDA

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)</b>
beverages	Origin	produced, manufactured, or processed in the country of origin.	safety	
	Certificate of Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aging period of the product should be indicated.</li> </ul>		
Unprocessed food products of animal origins (meat, milk, egg, honey, etc.)	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attests the product is fit for human consumption and free from zoonotic diseases.</li> </ul>	Food safety and quality	EFDA
Animal Feed	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certifies safety and quality of imported feed and feed additives.</li> </ul>	Animal health and food safety	EFDA
Agri biotech Crops	GMO Import Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product complies with Ethiopia's biosafety regulations.</li> </ul>	Food safety, public health and environmental protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EFDA</li> <li>• Environment, Forest &amp; Climate Change Commission (EFCCC)</li> </ul>
Food/feed products containing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)	Import Permit for GMO containing products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certifying the product contains GMOs and the product has no adverse effect on human health and environment.</li> </ul>		
Poultry (day old chicks, turkey, ducks, geese, and ostrich)	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent, grandparent flocks, and DOCs are free from clinical/infection evidence of any communicable diseases in the past year.</li> <li>• Free from H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, and other infectious diseases during the last six months.</li> <li>• DOCs or adult birds passed through supervision and quarantine inspection one month prior to exportation. Also, must be subject to tests with negative results for diseases.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of pre-export quarantine (if applicable, kind of vaccines administered, and dates of vaccination).</li> </ul>		
Fertile or hatching eggs	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent, grandparent flocks for the eggs are free from clinical/infection evidence of any communicable diseases in the previous year.</li> <li>• Free from H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza and other infectious diseases in the past six months.</li> <li>• The source flocks for DOCs and adult birds were not vaccinated against avian influenza, coccidiosis, live Newcastle vaccine.</li> <li>• The source of flock is subject to disease surveillance program.</li> <li>• Proper biosecurity measures were applied to the source poultry farm and hatchery facility.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Silkworm	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certify the seed and seed cocoons conform to the characters of the notified variety and are free from perbire and muscardine diseases.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
	Quarantine Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attesting that the silkworm seed was inspected by a veterinarian within 24 hours preceding the date of exportation.</li> </ul>		
Live sheep and goat	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The animal was inspected by a veterinarian within 30 days preceding the date of exportation and were subjected with a negative result to the</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)</b>
		<p>diagnostic tests recommended by the OIE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The animal was vaccinated and free from any communicable disease within 60 days prior to date of inspection.</li> <li>• The animal passed through pre-export quarantine for 21 days in the country of origin.</li> <li>• The animal was treated for internal and external parasites within 30 days of export.</li> </ul>		
	Pedigree Records Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Showing the pedigree records of the animals</li> </ul>		
Sheep and Goat Semen	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attesting the semen production center is approved by vet services of the exporting country and fulfills inspection and health requirements of the competent authority.</li> <li>• Collection of the semen for the consignment was sixty days or less.</li> <li>• Flocks of origin of the donor animals were free from any quarantine restrictions from at least 90 days before the commencement of semen collection for this consignment until completion of the collected period.</li> <li>• Donor animals remain clinically healthy and free of disease for at least 30 days prior to export of the semen consignment.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Sheep and goat embryo	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The animals were inspected by a veterinarian within 30 days preceding the date of exportation.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The herd of the origin was found to be free from diseases.</li> <li>• Embryo collection and processing techniques adhere to the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</li> </ul>		
Live cattle	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The live cattle were inspected by a veterinarian within 30 days preceding the date of exportation and free from diseases as per OIE guideline.</li> <li>• Free from any communicable disease within 60 days prior to date of inspection.</li> <li>• The animals passed through pre-export quarantine for 21 days in the country of origin.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Cattle embryo and semen	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to attestations for sheep and goat embryo.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Live buffalo	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See required attestation for live cattle</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Buffalo semen	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The certification should indicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Import permit number</li> <li>○ Exporting country</li> <li>○ Name of certifying institution</li> <li>○ Date of pre-entry isolation</li> <li>○ Date of entry into collection center/resident herd</li> <li>○ Dates of sampling for any tests required</li> <li>○ Type of test used and test results</li> <li>○ Dates of reproductive material transfer, if any and reason for transfer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Buffalo embryo	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to attestations for cattle embryo</li> </ul>	Animal health and	MoA

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)</b>
			traceability	
Live pigs	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country of origin officially declared from notifiable diseases.</li> <li>• The source farm or area of origin is officially recognized as free of vesicular stomatitis by the OIE.</li> <li>• The farm origin is officially free from Brucellosis and Aujeszky's diseases without vaccination.</li> <li>• At the farm of origin, no cases of diseases were officially reported six months prior to export</li> <li>• At the farm of origin, no clinical cases occurred of diseases such as SIRS or PRRS, TGE, PRCV or TB in the past two years.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Pig semen and embryo	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to attestations for sheep and goat embryo.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Live fish	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certifying that the export fish is free from diseases and parasites and was subjected to disinfection prior to shipment.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
	Certificate of Clearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicating its history regarding its exposure to diseases and/or pathogens and its genetic makeup.</li> </ul>		
Fish semen or embryo	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attestations for live fish</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Live equine (horse, donkey, and mule)	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attesting that country of origin is officially declared free of notifiable diseases according to OIE guideline.</li> <li>• None of the diseases were</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)
		<p>detected at the farm of origin or adjacent land within 90 days prior to shipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cases of contagious Vesicular Stomatitis reported in country of origin within 60 days prior to export.</li> <li>• Equines were born and bred in the exporting country and at the farm of origin for not less than six months prior to export.</li> <li>• Equines passed through pre-export quarantine for not less than 30 days prior to shipment in the country of origin.</li> <li>• The equines were subjected with negative test results for diseases. Inoculation applied between six months and 30 days prior to shipment.</li> </ul>		
Equine semen or embryo	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country of origin for donor stallion and jackass is declared officially free from notifiable diseases.</li> <li>• Production center and the health of donor stallion or jack ass fulfills the OIE guideline.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA
Live camel	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The animal was inspected by a veterinarian within 30 days preceding the date of exportation and free from camel disease as per OIE.</li> <li>• Free from any communicable disease within 60 days prior to date of inspection.</li> <li>• The farm where the animal was reared is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Officially approved and supervised by a competent authority.</li> <li>○ Not subject to any</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry (Regulatory Agency)</b>
		prohibition for notifiable disease reasons on the day of collection of the said animal.		
Camel semen or embryo	Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer attestations for sheep and goat embryo/semen.</li> </ul>	Animal health and traceability	MoA

## **Section II: Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)**

### **Certificate of Conformity (COC)**

The Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority (EFDA) and the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration (MoTRI) require a Certificate of Conformity (COC) for food and agricultural products subjected to [Compulsory Ethiopian Standards \(CES\)](#). The main purpose of the COC is to ensure quality, food safety, and to expedite customs clearances at entry ports. A pre-export certificate of conformity must accompany the products that fall under the CES. Agro-food products under the list of mandatory standards include fresh and canned fruits and vegetable; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages; edible oils; oilseeds; food additives; and prepackaged foods. The certificate of conformity can be issued from authorized third-party inspection companies accredited to ISO/IEC 17025. International third-party inspection companies that may handle pre-shipment Verification of Conformity (VoC) programs for Ethiopia may include SGS, Bureau Veritas, Intertek, and Cotecna. U.S. exporters are advised to approach the respective local branch office of the third-party inspection companies and submit their inquiries.

### **Health Certificate**

For imports of processed food and non-alcoholic beverage products, EFDA requires a valid health certificate issued by a competent body. The certification should attest that the imported food product complies with the appropriate quality and safety standards of the country of origin. Both the original and a copy of the health certificate should be submitted for food and beverages, excluding alcoholic drinks. In addition, the health certificate must be authenticated by Chambers of Commerce in the country of origin. According to EFDA directive for food importers, a health certificate serves only for that individual consignment.

### **Phytosanitary Certificate**

Ethiopia's Plant Health and Regulatory Directorate at the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) requires imported plant and plant materials must be certified free from diseases and the plants and plant parts free

from soil. Generally, a phytosanitary certificate is mandatory for unprocessed vegetables and fruits, grains, and oilseeds products. Incoming shipments of these products must be accompanied by the phytosanitary certificate, which shall be issued by a duly authorized Plant Quarantine Officer in the country of origin. Please refer [Ethiopia's Plant Quarantine Regulation](#) for list of plants and plant materials described under Schedule I for which a phytosanitary certificate and an import permit is required. Also, under Schedule II the regulation has separately listed plants and other articles prohibited from entry into the country.

### **Veterinary Certificate**

For imports of livestock, livestock by-products and livestock genetic materials, Ethiopia's Animal Health Regulatory Directorate at MoA requires a veterinary certificate issued by a competent authority of the exporting country. The certificate should clearly attest the products and by-products of animal origin meant for human food or animal feed, or other purposes conform to recognized international standards or the importing country's animal health and food safety requirements.

### **Certificate of Origin**

This certificate is also a required document that must accompany each shipment confirming the country of origin of the export product. The GOE regulatory authorities accept a certificate of origin, which must be duly authenticated by authorized Chambers of Commerce in the exporting country.

### **Certificate of Irradiation**

This certificate is required for all food products which have been irradiated during the production process. The certificate should show evidence of the residual level of radiation and attest that it is not harmful to human consumption. According to the EFDA proclamation, irradiation is defined as: "a deliberate exposure of food to ionizing radiation." Also, EFDA requires that labeling of irradiated foods contains the phrase "irradiated" or the internationally accepted Radura symbol may be placed besides the labeling.

### **Certificate of Free Sale**

This certificate is required for food products at the time of product registration and approval to enter the market. [EFDA](#) accepts a free sale certificate issued by the national competent authority and authenticated by the Ethiopian Embassy or consulate in the issuing state. A Certificate of Free Sale issued by [FDA](#) or relevant state level authorities is accepted. Moreover, EFDA accepts FDA's '[Certificate to a Foreign Government](#)' for products stipulated under its regulatory mandate. The names of the product must be indicated and certify whether the product is freely sold in the country of origin.

## **Registration Certificate**

EFDA has a mandatory list of food products that must be registered and approved prior to importation for the first time. Infant formula (milk powder) and food supplements are strictly prohibited from entering the market without prior registration and approval. Besides these products, EFDA has a broader list of food products requiring prior registrations. These include milk and milk products; meat and meat products; poultry products; sea food; processed vegetables; sliced fruits; nuts and their products; therapeutic foods; cereal based complementary foods; confectioneries; fats and oils; processed fruits; bottled water; soft drinks; beer; iodized salt, and noodles. Also, EFDA entails a pre-notification of import for products that are not found in the list of compulsory registration.

To obtain a registration certificate, an applicant shall submit Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) or Certificate of Food Safety Management System (FSMS), and free sale certificate. In appropriate circumstances, internationally accepted certification or FSMS may be accepted in lieu of GMP and HACCP. A certificate indicating the product is free from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE/TSE) shall be presented, if the raw material is from animal source and contains (gelatin, magnesium stearate, lactose, etc.). In the case of local manufacturer, COC and current audit inspection report is required.

## **Section III: Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificates**

Please refer narrations on Section I and II above.

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

GOE's regulatory bodies require original and authenticated copies of export certificates be accompanied with each consignment at the port of entry into Ethiopia. The export certificates validity period differs according to the type and nature of the export product. For instances, health certificates are usually valid for three months and serve only for a single consignment. Whereas registration certificate for imported food and ag products is valid for four years and can be renewed after that. Furthermore, export declaration provided by US suppliers or manufacturers are not acceptable. Please see table below for details.

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Is the certificate required at entry?</b>	<b>How long is the certificate valid?</b>	<b>Can the certificate be applied on multiple shipments?</b>	<b>Will Ethiopia accept a U.S. Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration?</b>
Food and agricultural products with Compulsory Ethiopian Standards	Certificate of Conformity	Yes	Three months	No	No
Plant and plant products	Phytosanitary Certificate	Yes	Three months	No	No
	Import Permit	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
Live animals, animal products and animal genetic materials.	Veterinary Certificate	Yes	Three months	No	No
	Import Permit	Yes	21 days	No	No
	Quarantine Certificate	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
	Pedigree Records Certificate	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
Processed foods and non-alcoholic beverages	Health Certificate	Yes	Three months	No	No
	Certificate of Conformity	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
	Free Sale Certificate	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
	Origin Certificate	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
	Certificate of Irradiation	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
	Registration Certificate	Yes	Five years	Yes	No
	Import Permit	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
Alcoholic Beverages	Certificate of Age	Yes	Shipment period	No	No
	Origin Certificate	Yes	Shipment Period	No	No
Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) or Foods containing GMOs	Import Permit	Yes	Shipment period	No	No

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

In addition to the list of major export certificates discussed above, the following documents must accompany each export shipment:

- Customs declaration
- Bill of loading, airway bill or track bill
- Commercial Invoice
- Packing List
- Registration certificate

The required documentations for new registration of imported food products include:

- Application form for registration
- Agency agreement between manufacturer/exporter and local importer
- Certificate of Free Sale
- Food manufacturing or products registration certificate or approval
- Authenticated copy of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), or ISO 22000:2005 certificates. In appropriate circumstances, internationally accepted certification or certificate of quality management system may be accepted in lieu of GMP and HACCP.
- Certificate of lab analysis of sample product for registration from accredited lab
- Documents showing quality and safety of raw materials and food additives used in manufacturing.
- Study evidence for determining shelf life of the product.
- Veterinary certificate attesting free of diseases that can be transmitted from animals to human.
- Product sample
- Technical documents such as:
  - Formulation, and manufacturing and packaging procedure
  - Data on method of analysis and specification of the finished product
  - Stability study reports and shelf-life assignment
  - Packaging and labeling requirements for finished product
  - Quality analysis result
- Product details:
  - Trade name of the food product.
  - Common name of the food.
  - Nutrition content.
  - List of ingredients (except for single ingredient foods) in descending order of weight.



- Made-in country, name and address of the manufacturer or importer
- Production and expiration dates
- Product identification number
- Net weight or volume of contents
- Description of micronutrients used to enrich foods produced with fortification
- If the food product contains milk and milk products, fish and shellfish, wheat, barley, peanuts, soybeans, and other food allergenic, its labeling must clearly describe its content.
- If the food is made with GM ingredients, a supporting information must be provided.
- Irradiated foods must contain clear information showing that the food is irradiated.
- Instructions for use (if needed).

### **Plant and Plant Products Registration**

Any plant or plant product, including seeds, agricultural inputs such as chemicals, pesticides and fertilizers cannot be imported to Ethiopia unless registered and duly authorized for import by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

### **New Pesticides Registration**

The Pesticide Registration and Control Proclamation 647/2010 of Ethiopia stipulates that pesticides be registered before use. The efficacy, safety and quality of each pesticide shall be tested under the field or laboratory conditions and approved by the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA). To make this effective, the Ministry controls and regulates the registration of agrochemicals in Ethiopia. The registration is usually required for original and new molecules with valid patent or identical products that are manufactured after the expiry of the patent of an original/proprietary registered product. Applicants for new registration of pesticides are expected to submit application of support letter to research institute for undertaking efficacy trial and get research result to be attached in the dossier. Also, applicants are expected to submit their service request, pay the amount of service fee and submit required documents such as:

- Stamped application for registration of a pesticide
- Material Safety Data Sheet
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Research Centre
- Product Detail
- Invoice of Manufacturer
- Dossier with Efficacy Trial Result (Hard Copy) to the Ministry.

The Ministry of Agriculture evaluates the submitted dossier and Efficacy Trial Result Report and provides the Certificate of New Registration of Pesticides if documentations and technical requirements are fulfilled.

**APPENDIX**

**Annex 1: Sample Veterinary Certificate for Importation of Ruminant Animals**

Certificate Number: -----

Country of origin: -----

Responsible Ministry: -----

Issuing veterinary authority: -----

**I. Identification of the animals**

Species, # of animals, # of semen packages, # of embryo packages -----

S/N	Ear tag No.	Identification No. of the Establishment	Date of Birth	Breed	Blood Level %	Sex	LWT(Kg)
1							
2							
3							

**II. Origin of the Animals**

Name and address of the holding of origin:

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Name and address of exporter:

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**III. Destination of the Animals**

Name and address of the assembly center in the importing country:

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Approval number of the assembly center in the importing country:

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Type of means of transport:

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Name and address of the consignee:

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#### IV. Health Information

1. The undersigned official veterinarian, certify that the animals or germplasm described in the accompanying passports meet the following requirements:

1.1 In accordance with the standards of the International Animal Health Code of the International Office of Epizootics (OIE), the country is recognized as a country free of -----, -----, -----, -----, -----disease

1.2 In accordance with the legislation of the International Animal Health Code of the International Office of Epizootics (OIE), the country is officially free from --- -----, -----, -----, -----, diseases. Hence, the exported animals/ the donor of germplasm has not been vaccinated against these diseases.

1.3 The feeding of ruminants with proteins obtained from mammals is prohibited (except those proteins determined to be safe, such as milk and milk products) in accordance with ----- legislation and this prohibition is effectively implemented since .....

1.4 The animals come from herds of origin, which have been for the past 12 months officially free from -----, -----, -----, and-----diseases.

#### 2. Health status of the Animals to be Exported

2.1 The animals are vaccinated against -----, -----, ----- -----, -----diseases and the animals are still within the immunity period of time guaranteed in the specifications of the vaccine

2.2 The animals were protected from attack from -----, -----, ----- and ----- diseases during transportation to the place of shipment.

2.3 On the day of shipment the exported animals have been examined and found clinically free of infectious diseases such as -----, ----- and ----- diseases.

2.3 The animals are born and raised in the ----- and are free from GMO or LMO cases.

2.4 The animals have not been fed with meat- and bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants.

Done at: -----

On-----

Official Seal

(Signature of the competent official veterinarian)

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(Name and position of the official veterinarian in block letters)

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