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Report Highlights:

This report provides information on export certificates that the Government of Algeria requires. The Ministry of Agriculture has legislative responsibility for domestic food production and for health and safety aspects of imported agricultural and food products. The Ministry of Commerce is responsible for all food inspections, quality control, anti-fraud activities, and regulation, as well as labeling regulations and laboratory inspections.

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Section I: List of All Export Certificates Required by Algeria (Matrix)

All imported food and goods are subject to a conformity control at ports of entry in compliance with [the Executive Decree no 05-467 of December 10, 2005, which was](#) published in the Journal Officiel (Journal Officiel) (JO.) No [80 of December 11, 2005](#). The conformity control at ports of entry is carried out by a joint team composed of inspectors from the following Ministries: Commerce, Agriculture, Customs, Transport in accordance with the terms and conditions under the provisions of the [Executive Decree No 90-39 of January 30, 1990](#), (published in JO. No 05 of January 31, 1990) as amended and supplemented. However, primarily inspectors from the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Services and Phytosanitary and Plant Protection carry out the sanitary and phytosanitary controls.

A certificate of conformity and quality as well as a certificate of origin are mandatory for all imported products along with the customs documents (See Section IV).

In compliance with the [Executive Decree no 93-286 of November 23, 1993](#), a phytosanitary control is mandatory for all plants, plant products and plant materials as defined in the article 2 of the [law no 87-17 of August 1987](#) (published in the JO. No.32 of August 05, 1987). The phytosanitary authority represented by the Plant Protection and Technical Control Directorate (DPVCT) at the Ministry of Agriculture controls the phytosanitary certificates.

A sanitary veterinary certificate is mandatory for all animals and products of animal origin. The Veterinary Services with the Chief Veterinary Officer at the Ministry of Agriculture regulates the sanitary veterinary certificates for animals and products of animal origin. The [Executive Decree No 91-452 of November 16, 1991](#) (published in the JO. No 59 of November 20, 1991), regulates the veterinary inspections at border posts.

Product(s)	Certificate's Title	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Food Products non animal origin	Certificate of Conformity; Certificate of Origin	N/A	Certifies that the goods are in compliance with Algeria's technical regulations and standards	Ministry of Commerce
Seeds	Phytosanitary Certificate for Reexport; Certificate of Conformity &	-Non GMO attestation required -International Orange Seed Certificate (ISTA) - technical import	Food safety Food quality	Ministry of Agriculture Phytosanitary directorate (DPVCT)

	Quality; Certificate of Origin	authorization		
Dairy Products	Health Export Certificate (For Milk and Milk Products for Algeria); Certificate of Conformity Quality; Certificate of Origin	Certificate of analysis from a certified laboratory to be presented at the port of entry with the sanitary certificate	Food safety Food quality	Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Turkey day-old chicks & hatching eggs	Health Certificate (for Exportation of Turkey-Hatching Eggs and Turkey One-Day Old Poults); Certificate of conformity – certificate of origin	Health certificates require original ink signatures from the issuing USDA Accredited Veterinarian and the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer with the application of the APHIS embossed seal.	Food safety Food quality	Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Grains	Phytosanitary Certificate - FGIS– certificate of origin- certificate of conformity & quality -certificate of fumigation- certificate of non-radioactivity (isotopic)	<u>Trade allowed</u>	Food safety Food quality	Ministry of Agriculture Phytosanitary directorate (DPVCT)
Tree Nuts	Phytosanitary certificate -certificate of conformity & quality – certificate of origin	<u>Trade allowed</u>	Food safety Food quality	Ministry of Agriculture Phytosanitary directorate (DPVCT)

Trade for beef, bovine semen, bovine embryos, dairy cattle, beef cattle and chicken day-old chicks & hatching eggs is not allowed as no certificates are agreed on. The U.S. and Algerian regulatory agencies have not reached an agreement yet on the certificates for bovine semen, bovine embryos, dairy cattle,

beef cattle and chicken day-old chicks & hatching eggs. Supplementary GAIN reports will be published when these products will be allowed to enter the Algerian market.

For additional information:

- APHIS: [Live Animals](#), [Animal Products](#), and [Plant Products](#)
- FSIS: [Meat and Poultry](#)
- [AMS](#)

Section II: Purpose of Specific Export Certificate (S)

Algeria has a sanitary veterinary certificate requirement for all animal products and products with animal origin. However, the Veterinary Services at the Ministry of Agriculture discusses certificates bilaterally with countries to meet the requirements. Regarding trade with the U.S., two certificates were agreed on; milk & milk products and turkey hatching eggs one-day chicks). Several other certificates are still under discussions; (bovine semen and bovine embryos certificates, beef cattle, dairy breeding cattle and chicken day-old chicks and hatching eggs certificates).

Section III: Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificates

Sanitary certificates for Algeria are bilingual (French and English).

A bilateral export certificate for dairy and dairy based products for export from the United States to Algeria was negotiated between Algeria and the United States. Applicants must request sanitary certificates for Algeria from AMS. The applicants must complete the Algeria-Sanitary Certificate request worksheet found at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports/dairy-sanitary-certificates>. The Applicants must follow the instructions and explanation found in the link above for filling out the worksheet.

A non-GMO certificate needs to accompany the plants and plant products to attest that the plant material has not undergone any transfer or modification of genes. Genetically engineered plant material importation, production, distribution, and commercialization as well as their utilization is prohibited by the Ministry of Agriculture's [Decree of December 24, 2000](#) (published in the Official Journal on January 7, 2001) except for research purposes.

Section IV: Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements.

A certificate of conformity and quality as well as a certificate of origin are mandatory for all imported products along with the customs documents (bill of lading and commercial invoice). The original documents need to accompany the shipments. Originals need to be presented at port of entry. Each shipment requires a certificate of conformity and quality as well as a certificate of origin.

The regulation regarding the conformity control at the borders can be found at:

<https://www.commerce.gov.dz/reglementation/decret-executif-n-deg-05-467>

The conformity control is performed before the clearance of the imported products based on a file presented to the inspectorate at the borders by the importer or by his duly authorized representative. The file includes:

- the declaration of the importation of the product, duly filled in by the importer
- a certified copy of the extract from the trade register a certified copy of the invoice
- the original of any other document (sanitary and phytosanitary) required by the regulations in force and relating to the conformity of the imported products.

More information on Customs can be found at:

<http://www.douane.gov.dz/Formalites%20de%20dedouanement.html>

Effective October 22, 2017, a new requirement to regulate imports of products destined for resale as is, was enforced. The requirements apply to non-agricultural as well as, agricultural products. Any imported goods for resale as is, requires the importer to deposit 120% of the import transaction value with an Algerian Bank, 30 days prior to shipment. More information can be found in FAS reports:

https://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/New%20Payment%20Requirement%20on%20Imports%20_Algers_Algeria_11-6-2017.pdf).

Effective January 1, 2018, banking domiciliation's applications must include the following documents:

- a) Sanitary and Phytosanitary certificates delivered to the importer by the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries regarding imports of (bananas, wheat, barley, garlic, beef and fish except sardines).
- b) Prior technical authorization delivered by the Ministry of Commerce related to the import of cosmetics and toxic products
- c) Certificate of free movement of the product in the country of origin or provenance, established by a duly empowered authority in the exporting country and / or of origin attesting that the goods to be imported except (bananas, wheat, barley, beef, garlic and fish), are actually and freely marketed on their territory in accordance with the provisions under the article 12 of the executive decree no12-203 of May 06, 2012 relating to the rules applicable for security of the products.

https://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/New%20Payment%20Requirement%20on%20Imports%20_Algers_Algeria_11-6-2017.pdf).

In addition, to the certificates requirements, effective January 2019, 1,095 items of which 658 are food and 437 industrial products will be subject to a temporary additional safeguard duty (Droit Additionnel Provisoire de Sauvegarde, (DAPs). This temporary duty replaces the import ban implemented in 2018. The temporary duty is an additional tax added to the customs duty and the Valued Added Tax (VAT) that the importer will have to pay.

The list of goods subject to the temporary additional safeguard duty and the corresponding rates were published in the [Journal Officiel No 06 of January 27, 2019](#) as part of the Ordinance of January 26,

2019. Food items represent 60% of the list. Most of the food items listed are processed and high value products.

The detailed list in English can be found in FAS reports at:

https://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/Trade%20Policy%20Update_Algeria_Algeria_2-12-2019.pdf

The original full revised list in French with the current DAPs rate can be found at:

<https://www.joradp.dz/FTP/jo-francais/2019/F2019026.pdf>.

However, a new [Ordinance of April 8, 2019, published in the Journal Officiel No.26](#) exempting tree nuts, peanuts, dried raisins, dried fruits, butter, and fresh or chilled beef came into force in April 2019. The revision removes the 30 percent additional duty on tree nuts, 70 percent additional duty on peanuts, butter and dried fruits, and the 50 percent additional duty on beef. All these rates were in addition to an existing 30 percent customs duty and a 19 percent value added tax (VAT).

Section V: Other Certification/ Accreditation Requirements:

[The Order of May 7, 2015](#) (published in the JO. No44 of August 19, 2015) modifies and completes [the Order of July 14, 2002](#), (published in the JO. No 62 September 15, 2002) that establishes the list of plant varieties that require authorization prior to importation and specifies the phytosanitary requirements. Importation of seeds and plants for reproduction and / or propagation is subject to technical [import authorization prior to importation](#).

The phytosanitary authority (DPVCT) of the Ministry of Agriculture issues the import authorization at the request of the importer at least thirty (30) days before the planned date of import. This authorization is valid for three (03) months from the date of its signature and is only valid for one introduction.

The importer must submit an application file to request officially [the importation of seeds and seedlings](#). The file consist of the following parts:

- a request for the technical import authorization
- the agreement of the activity if the importer is producing seeds and seedlings
- the agreement of the activity if the importer is selling seeds and seedlings
- a farmer's identification card for those engaged in agricultural production
- a phytosanitary certificate issued by the official phytosanitary services of the production zone that must be free, attesting that the plant material is subject to control and monitoring by the phytosanitary services of the production area;
a certification scheme for certified material or product
- a certificate of non-GMO attesting that the plant material has not undergone any transfer or modification of genes.
- an International Orange newsletter (for any dry seed).

Forms are available for potato seeds and plant material of seedling at:
<http://madrp.gov.dz/agriculture/services-phytosanitaire/procedures/>

[The Order of April 7, 2004](#) (published in JO. No 07 of January 23, 2005) amends and supplements the Order of May 21, 1995 fixing the phytotechnical and phytosanitary standards for imports of seeds and seedlings of the vegetables, cereals, fruits and viticulture. This decree lists the crops and seeds with the standards for (varietal purity, humidity, germination rates for the different categories as well as the phytosanitary standards for seeds).

A certificate of non-GMO attesting that the plant material has not undergone any transfer or modification of genes is required. Genetically engineered plant material importation, production, distribution, and commercialization as well as their utilization is prohibited by the Ministry of Agriculture's Decree of December 24, 2000 (published in the Official Journal on January 7, 2001) except for research purposes. The plant material includes live plants or pieces of live plants, including their dormant buds, tendrils, grafts, tubers, rhizomes, cuttings, shoots, seeds intended for propagation and reproduction.

Regarding animal products: the [Executive Decree No 91-452 of November 16, 1991](#) (published in the JO. No 59 of November 20, 1991), regulates the veterinary inspections at borders posts. All the products listed in the law are subject to a [sanitary authorization prior to import](#) called commonly "derogation sanitaire" except processed products with animal origin, concentrates for animal feed and pets. This authorization certifies that no reportable disease has been reported in the country of origin of the import. This document is delivered by the official veterinary services at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Appendix I: Electronic Copy, Scanned copy, or outline of Each Export Certificate.

**Model Certificate to Export Turkey Hatching Eggs and Turkey one-day-old Poults
from the U.S to Algeria**

Health Certificate No. / *Certificat Sanitaire* No _____ (Valid only if the USDA
Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate no.) / (*Valide seulement si le cachet vétérinaire de l'USDA apparaît au-dessus du
No du certificat.*)

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE
FOR EXPORTATION OF TURKEY HATCHING EGGS
AND TURKEY ONE-DAY-OLD POULTS
FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ALGERIA
CERTIFICAT SANITAIRE
POUR L'EXPORTATION D'OEUFS A COUVER DE DINDES
ET DE DINDONNEAUX D'UN JOUR
DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE VERS L'ALGERIE**

Exporting Country / Pays exportateur:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE

Country of Destination / Pays destinataire:

Algeria / *Algérie*

Competent Authority / Autorité Compétente:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) /
DEPARTEMENT DE L'AGRICULTURE DES ETATS-UNIS (USDA)

Animal Identification / Identification du produit:

See Attachment # 1 / Voir pièce jointe # 1

Total Number of poults or eggs: / Nombre Total de dindonneaux ou d'OEufs: _____

**Name and address of the exporter of hatching eggs or poults / Nom et adresse de l'exportateur d'oeufs à couver ou de
dindonneaux:**

**Name, address and registration number of the hatchery of origin or farm of origin. / Nom, adresse et numéro
d'immatriculation du couvoir d'origine ou exploitation d'origine.**

1 Health Certificate No. / *Certificat Sanitaire* No _____ (Valid only if the USDA
Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate no.) / (*Valide seulement si le cachet vétérinaire de l'USDA apparaît au-dessus du
No du certificat.*)

II. DESTINATION OF THE ANIMALS / Destination des Animaux:

1. Name and address of the importer / *Nom et adresse de l'importateur:*

1. Means of Transport / *Moyens de Transport:*

3. Routing of Poults or Eggs / *Itinéraire des dindonneaux et des oeufs*

a. point of embarkation in USA / *Lieu d'embarquement aux USA*

b. from USA to Algeria (indicate airlines and airway bill numbers, countries of transit if any) / *En provenance des USA vers l'Algérie (Indiquez la compagnie aérienne, les numéros des lettres de transport aériens ainsi que les pays de transit s'il ya lieu.)*

III. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS / ATTESTATION:

The undersigned USDA-accredited veterinarian hereby certifies the following in relation to the animals /eggs described above: / *Je soussigné, vétérinaire officiel du Département de l'Agriculture des Etats-Unis certifie que les animaux / les oeufs décrits ci-dessus, remplissent les conditions sanitaires suivantes:*

A. Hatching eggs and one-day poults come from an area free from Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) for the last six months and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) for 3 months provided that stamping out policy (including disinfection of all affected establishments) is applied, if not, this period is extended to 12 months. / *Les oeufs à couvrir et les dindonneaux d'un jour proviennent d'une / de zone(s) indemne(s) de maladie de Newcastle Exotique depuis au moins six (06) mois et d'Influenza Aviaire Hautement Pathogène depuis trois (03) mois à condition qu'une stratégie d'éradication y soit appliquée (désinfection de tous les établissements affectés inclus), autrement, cette période sera étendue à 12 mois.*

B. Hatching eggs and one-day poults come from a reproductive center accredited by the National Poultry Improvement Plan of the US Department of Agriculture, and the farms are subject to official Veterinary Sanitary control. / *Les oeufs à couvrir et les dindonneaux d'un jour proviennent d'un centre de reproduction agréé par le Plan National de l'Amélioration Avicole de l'USDA et les exploitations sont soumises au contrôle sanitaire vétérinaire officiel.*

2 Health Certificate No. / *Certificat Sanitaire No* _____ (Valid only if the USDA Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate no.) / *(Valide seulement si le cachet vétérinaire de l'USDA apparaît au-dessus du No du certificat.)*

C. The farm of origin or hatching center has been free of: Avian infectious Bronchitis; Avian Cholera; Encephalomyelitis; Fowl Pox; Infectious Laryngotracheitis; Mycoplasmosis; Infectious Bursal disease; Ornithosis-Psittacosis; Tuberculosis for last three months. / *L'exploitation d'origine ou le couvoir est indemne de: Bronchite infectieuse aviaire, Choléra aviaire, Encephalomyélite aviaire, Variole aviaire, Laryngotracheite infectieuse aviaire- Mycoplasmes aviaire - Maladie de Gumboro- Ornithose-Psittacose- Tuberculose depuis les trois (03) derniers mois.*

D. Hatching eggs and one-day poults come exclusively from a hatchery center and facility that are officially free from Mycoplasmosis and Pullorum disease. / *Les oeufs à couvrir et les dindonneaux d'un jour proviennent exclusivement d'un couvoir et d'un établissement officiellement indemne de Mycoplasmosis et de Pullorose.*

E. One-day poults designated in the certificate are healthy and free of signs of any disease related to the species at the day of shipment. / *Les dindonneaux d'un jour désignés dans le certificat sont en bonne santé et ne présentent, au jour de l'expédition, aucun signe des maladies propres à l'espèce.*

F. Hatching eggs and one-day poults in this shipment come from breeding flocks that have been vaccinated for Newcastle disease more than four (04) weeks before export with inactivated vaccine or Lentogenic Live vaccine. / *Les oeufs à couvrir et les dindonneaux d'un jour constituant le présent envoi, proviennent d'élevages de reproduction vaccinés contre la maladie de Newcastle depuis plus de quatre (04) semaines avant l'exportation à l'aide d'un vaccin inactivé ou d'un vaccin vivant de souche lentogène.*

G. Parents and Grandparents as well as farms and hatcheries of origin of the turkey poults are certified as free from the following diseases: Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum, S. enteritidis, S. typhimurium and S. arizonae; Mycoplasma gallisepticum, M. synoviae and M. meleagridis. / *Les parentaux et grands parentaux, ainsi que les exploitations et les couvoirs d'origine des dindonneaux sont certifiés par les services vétérinaires officiels, comme étant indemnes des maladies suivantes: Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum, S. enteritidis, S. typhimurium and S. arizonae; Mycoplasma gallisepticum, M. synoviae and M. meleagridis.*

H. The Parent stock have been vaccinated for: / *Les parentaux ont été vaccinés contre:*

3 Health Certificate No. / <i>Certificat Sanitaire No</i> ____ (Valid only if the USDA Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate no.) / <i>(Valide seulement si le cachet vétérinaire de l'USDA apparaît au-dessus du No du certificat.)</i> Disease/ <i>Maladie</i>	Vaccination Age / <i>Age à la Vaccination</i>	Type of vaccine / <i>Nature du Vaccin</i>	Stock / <i>Souche</i>	Lot number / <i>Numéro du Lot</i>	Manufacturer / <i>Fabricant</i>	Vaccination method <i>/ Mode de Vaccination</i>
Newcastle Disease <i>Maladie de Newcastle</i>						
Encephalomyelitis <i>Encéphalomyélite</i>						
Fowl Pox <i>Variole aviaire</i>						
Fowl Cholera <i>Cholera aviaire</i>						
Paramyxovirus-3						

Model of the APHIS Phytosanitary Certificate for Reexport used for seeds can be found at:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/downloads/ppq579.pdf

Model of the AMS certificate for dairy exports to Algeria.

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

Algeria is among other countries that have negotiated specific language on their sanitary certificates. These worksheets and guidelines are listed below:

- [Algeria Worksheet Instructions \(docx\)](#)
- [Algeria Sanitary Certificate Worksheet \(docx\)](#)

Attachments:

No Attachments