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Report Highlights:

Romania applies European Union (EU) regulations on imports of animal and non-animal products from the United States. The legislation on export certification is generally harmonized at the EU level. Romanian legislation applies to the minor categories on which requirements are not harmonized. This report should be read in conjunction with the EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report, as it provides comprehensive information about export certificates.

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Section I. List All the Export Certificates Required by Government of Romania:

Romania harmonized its national sanitary-veterinary requirements and export certificates, which are developed at EU level. As a member of the EU, Romania requires that U.S. certifying agents use these EU standard formats. Export certificates must be drawn up in English or the official language of Romania, which is Romanian. The certificates must be issued before the consignment leaves the control of the competent authority of the United States. Romanian authorities are responsible for enforcing EU legislation through inspection of imported goods and the accompanying certificates.

Prior to shipment, exporters should always confirm with their importers that the consignment will be allowed to enter with the documentation accompanying the consignment. If there is any doubt about which documents are required, or if any requirements are not listed, the U.S. exporter should ask the importer to email the appropriate Romanian officials at: <u>office@ansvsa.ro</u> with a full product description, including any animal-origin contents, and the intended use of in Romania. The Romanian officials will respond to the importer in writing. The U.S. exporter should then obtain that response from the importer and provide it, along with a full translation, (including the original email question) to their local Veterinary Services service center.

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

In general, Romania requires health certificates for all products of animal origin and phytosanitary certificates for all plant products imported in the EU. In addition to the information listed below, for specific information about EU certificates, please see the EU <u>FAIRS Export Certificate Report</u>.

A. Export Certificates/Requirements for Animal Products

Import requirements for animal products are provided by <u>FSIS</u> website in Romanian language along with the export certificate for each type of product. The export certificates for selected commodities in Romanian language are listed below:

- <u>Pork</u>
- Poultry meat
- Meat Products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines
- Fresh poultry meat for transit/storage

- Meat Products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for transit/storage
- Egg products transit/storage
- <u>Composite products transit or storage</u>

B. Export Certificates/Requirements for Animals and Genetics

Bilingual Romanian/English health certificates for animals and genetics are available on the <u>APHIS</u> website (see below). If a bilingual certificate for a particular species or commodity is not listed below, please refer to the <u>English version</u>.

Bovine Embryos

• <u>Bovine Embryos Annex II</u> - Health certificate for *in vivo* derived embryos collected in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC - January 2013

Bovine Semen

- <u>Bovine Semen Model 1</u>: Health certificate for imports into and transits through the EU of bovine semen dispatched from a semen collection center where the semen was collected
- <u>Bovine Semen Model 3</u>: Health certificate for imports into and transits through the EU of bovine semen dispatched from a semen storage center

Equine Semen

- <u>Model 1</u>: Equine semen collected, processed and/or stored after September, 30 2014 and dispatched from the semen collection center of origin Health Certificate
- <u>Model 4</u>: Equine semen dispatched after August 31, 2010 from a semen storage center Health Certificate

Information regarding the export certificates for other animals and genetics for the EU market is available on the USDA/APHIS website at <u>IRegs for Animal Exports Section</u>.

C. Export Certificates/Requirements for Plant and Plant Products

Import requirements for plants and plant products are harmonized at the EU level. The international body regulating the international trade with plant and plants products who lays down the models of certificates is the <u>International Plant Protection Convention of the Food and Agriculture Organization</u> of the United Nations (IPPC). Unlike veterinary products, there is only one model certificate for all plant products in accordance with IPPC's conventions. The phytosanitary certificate is provided by the <u>EU Council Directive 2000/29</u> transposed in Romania through Government Decision 563/2007 with subsequent amendments. Phytosanitary certificates are issued by APHIS inspectors, who can attest to specific requirements of EU legislation by making additional declarations in the relevant box.

D. Export Certificates/Requirements for Non-harmonized Products

There are only few products/by-products on which the EU legislation is not harmonized. In such cases, import of these products is subject to Romanian national legislation and import requests are assessed

by the competent authorities on a case-by-case basis. <u>The National Sanitary-Veterinary and Food</u> <u>Safety Authority</u> is the competent authority for providing the specific import conditions on nonharmonized products.

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

Below is a list of U.S. competent authorities providing detailed export certificate information:

- AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
 - European Union Health Certification Program
- APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA
 - International Animal Export Regulations
 - International Animal Products Export Regulations
 - Plant Export Services
- FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA
 - Export Requirements for the European Union
- FDA: Food and Drug Administration
 - Exporting Food Products from the United States
- FGIS: Federal Grain Inspection Service; Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA
 - Official Certificates | Agricultural Marketing Service
- NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - Export Certification to the European Union | NOAA Fisheries

Section IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements Please read the <u>EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report</u>.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements to ensure market entry Please read the <u>EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report.</u>

Appendix I. Electronic Copy, Scanned Copy, or Outline of Each Export Certificate Please read the <u>EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report.</u>

Appendix II: Romanian Competent Authorities

In Romania, the following entities are responsible for the health certificates for plant and animal origin products:

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Bd. Carol I no. 24, sector 2, Bucuresti, Romania E-mail: <u>comunicare@madr.ro</u> Website: <u>http://www.madr.ro/en</u>

National Phytosanitary Authority

Voluntari Blvd. 11, Voluntari, Ilfov County Tel/Fax: +4 021 2703254 Email: anf@anfdf.ro, fitosanitar@anfdf.ro Website: http://www.anfdf.ro

National Sanitary-Veterinary and for Food Safety Authority

P-ta Presei Libere nr. 1 Corp D1 Sector 1, Bucuresti, Romania E-mail: <u>office@ansvsa.ro</u> Website: <u>http://www.ansvsa.ro</u>

Romanian Animal Improvement Agency (for imports of frozen semen and embryos) București – Ploiești, Km 18.2, Balotești, Ilfov Phone: +40 21 3501017 +40 21 3501016

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Attachments:

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