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Report Highlights:

Hungary, as a member of the European Union (EU), applies EU regulations on imports of agricultural products. U.S. export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU have been harmonized amongst member states. Products not yet harmonized are subject to national, Hungarian, regulations. Competent Hungarian authorities may need to be consulted, on a case-by-case basis, to address import requirements for some minor categories of non-harmonized products.

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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.

I. List of All Export Certificates Required

Hungary has fully implemented EU regulations for the import of products of animal and plant origin. The export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU market have been harmonized. For additional information on U.S. export certifications for the EU market, please see the [USEU Brussels website](#).

Export certificates must be in the official language of Hungary, which is Hungarian. The [Department of Trade](#), Defense Industry, Export Control and Precious Metal Assay of the Government Office of the Capital City Budapest issues import licenses of agricultural products in accordance with EU legislation. Usually an exporter, or possibly an importer, applies to the authority filling out the [prescribed form](#) with all relevant details.

1. Export Certificates/Requirements for Animal Products

The EU recognizes the United States as eligible to export some animal products. Import requirements for animal products exported to EU member states, such as Hungary, can be found at the [FSIS website](#) along with samples of export certificates for different types of products.

For several products, the EU requires export establishments be pre-approved based on submissions made by the U.S. Government. U.S. agencies responsible for determining EU-eligible export establishments are the [Food Safety and Inspection Service](#) (FSIS), the [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) (APHIS), the [Agricultural Marketing Service](#) (AMS), and the [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA). [Approved establishments](#) may be subject to EU inspection as well.

The EU requires veterinary and/or general health certificate accompany each shipment of meat and be signed and dated prior to shipment. For non-harmonized exports of animal products to Hungary, the [prescribed application](#) (in Hungarian) must be submitted to the [Animal Health and Animal Welfare Directorate](#) (in Hungarian) of the National Food Chain Safety Office.

2. Export Certificates/Requirements for Live Animals

The EU imposes a number of general requirements for all veterinary health certificates. [Directive 2002/99/EC](#); Annex IV. 6. stipulates that certificates must be issued before the consignments to which they relate leave the control of the competent authority. Non-compliance will lead to rejection of shipment at the [Hungarian](#) or other [EU border entry/inspection points](#). Therefore, specific guidance and certificate forms are available on [APHIS's website](#). Bilingual Hungarian/English health certificates are also available for some commodities/species (see below). If the bilingual certificate for that species or commodity is not listed below, please refer to the [English versions](#). It is the

responsibility of the exporter to obtain a bilingual certificate if it is not listed below.

[Bovine embryos](#), Annex II – Bilingual health certificate for in vivo derived embryos collected in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC.

[Bovine semen Model 1](#): Bilingual health certificate for imports into and transits through the EU of bovine semen dispatched from a semen collection center where the semen was collected.

[Bovine semen Model 3](#): Bilingual health certificate for imports into and transits through the EU of bovine semen dispatched from a semen storage center.

[Poultry](#): Model bilingual veterinary certificate for hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites.

Other Animals: If the reptile, rodent or amphibian is not traveling on the same plane as the owner, the owner must provide a letter to the transport broker or airline pet services authorizing the aircraft staff to be responsible for the reptile, rodent or amphibian en route to Hungary, and also stating that the owner will resume responsibility for the pet upon arrival in Hungary.

3. Export Certificates/Requirements for Plant and Plant Products

EU plant and plant product import regulations have been harmonized and are published in a single [directive](#) (2000/29/EC). Unlike veterinary products, there is only one model certificate for all plant products in accordance with international regulations laid down by the [International Plant Protection Convention](#) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). For the United States, APHIS issues the required phytosanitary certificate with the requisite attestations to specific EU requirements.

4. Export certificates/requirements for non-harmonized products

There are only few products that the EU legislation is not harmonized on. In such cases, imports of these products are subject to Hungarian national legislation and import requests are assessed by the competent authorities on a case-by-case basis. The [National Food Chain Safety Office](#) (in Hungarian) is the competent authority for providing the specific import conditions on non-harmonized products.

II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

Imported products must meet existing member state requirements, and products must be accompanied by the proper certification at the port of arrival. In general, health certificates are required for all imported products of animal origin and phytosanitary certificates are needed for all plant products that could introduce pests into the EU. In accordance with EU legislation, certain products may have quality certificates that allow for reduced import duties. Other voluntary EU certificates allow for less stringent import control regimes.

Hungary, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. Therefore, this report should be read in conjunction with the [EU FAIRS Certificate Report](#). It consolidates EU-28 requirements published by the USDA FAS Office in the U.S. Mission to the European Commission (USEU) in Brussels, Belgium. Country specific reports can be also accessed through the [FAS website](#).

III. Specific Attestation Required on Export Certificates

For the identity check of the shipment, agents of the food safety authority require the seal number of the container be printed on the certificates. A seal number on the Bill of Lading is not sufficient if these can be easily re-issued by private companies. If no seal number is present on the certificate, a physical check is necessary to verify the identity of the shipment. For some veterinary certificates, additional statements (declaration of BSE/TSE) need to be included.

IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

For all veterinary health certificates, the EU applies general principles of certification defined in [Council Directive No. 2002/99/EC](#) and [Regulation \(EC\) No 854/2004](#). The regulation is directly applied in Hungary, and the referred council directive was incorporated into national law by the ministerial [Decree No. 19/2005](#) (in Hungarian) laying down animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption. For detailed information, please consult the [EU FAIRS Certificate Report](#).

V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

The National Food Chain Safety Office is the proper, competent authority in a matter of settlements of veterinary requirements with a third country. Those specifications must be executed in imports from third countries, in extent not specified by EU regulations.

Appendix I. Hungarian Competent Authorities

[Ministry of Agriculture](#)

Department of Food Chain Control

Address: Apáczai Csere János u. 9, Budapest 1052, Hungary

Tel: +36 (1) 795 3762

E-mail: effo@fm.gov.hu

[National Food Chain Safety Office](#) (in Hungarian).

Animal Health and Animal Welfare Directorate (in Hungarian)

Address: Keleti K. utca 24, Budapest 1024, Hungary

Tel: +36 (1) 336 9000

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[National Food Chain Safety Office](#) (in Hungarian)

Directorate of Plant Protection, Soil Conservation and Agri-environment (in Hungarian)

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Attachments:

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