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Report Highlights:

As a member of the European Union (EU), the Czech Republic implements EU regulations regarding required export certifications. For information on EU export certifications, please see the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards – Certification Report prepared by the United States Mission to the EU in Brussels available at <https://gain.fas.usda.gov/#/search>.

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This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs Prague, Czech Republic, for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care has been taken in the preparation of this report, information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. 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.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines specific Czech export certificates. The export certification requirements for most products destined for the European Union (EU) market have been harmonized. The Czech Republic, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. It is therefore recommended that this report is read in conjunction with the [Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards \(FAIRS\) Export Certificate report](#) produced by the U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium which you can find in the public [FAS GAIN database](#).

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

Export Certification

EU harmonized certificates and information related to trade with commodities subject to veterinary controls are available on-line at the website of the State Veterinary Administration:

<https://en.svscr.cz/trade-with-vet-commodities/general-information/>, under the "Trade with Veterinary Commodities" tab on the left-hand side of the website.

For phytosanitary certificates for products not listed in the EU Plant Directive 2000/29, please contact the State Phytosanitary Administration, which is part of the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture. The current contact information for this organization can be found in Appendix I of this document. The form to apply for a phytosanitary certificate can be downloaded at:

<https://eagri.cz/public/web/en/ukzuz/portal/import-export/forms-to-download/>.

A complete overview of all EU harmonized export certificates, including links to certificates, is provided in the [EU-28 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#). This report also provides links to U.S. agencies or organizations which issue certificates and references to the EU legislation, which includes model certificates.

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

Veterinary health certificates ensure that animals can be moved safely avoiding the transmission of diseases to either the public or other animals. The EU has a wide range of animal health requirements for products of animal origin to guarantee that imports meet the same standards of production as in member states. Phytosanitary certificates are needed for all plant products that could introduce pests into the EU.

Regulation (EU) 2019/625 defines composite products as foodstuffs intended for human consumption that contain processed products of animal origin and ingredients of plant origin. Composite products include a wide variety of products, including cheesecakes, high protein food supplements, pizza, and lasagnas. U.S. exports of “composite products” continue to be restricted due to burdensome certification requirements. While the U.S. is eligible to ship hormone-free meat, dairy products, egg products, and fishery products separately, it is often not possible to ship the composite products that combine these eligible ingredients.

Exporters should be aware that in parallel with the aforementioned changes to the composite product certificate that was triggered by an update of the EU’s Animal Health Law, the EU also made changes to the categories of composite products that require U.S. Government-issued health certificates. The new system is no longer based on the percentage of ingredients of animal product in the final product and goes into effect on January 15, 2022. It establishes three categories of composite products: (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 have to be sourced from EU-approved establishments. The EU continues to require composite product certificates for all non-shelf stable products and for shelf stable composite products with a meat ingredient.

For shelf stable products not containing meat, no certificates signed by the U.S. Government are required. For these products, the representative of the importer must declare that the goods meet the relevant EU requirements, using the “Private Attestation” model form.

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

For additional information on U.S. export certificates for the EU market please search for the latest EU FAIRS Certificate Report in the [FAS GAIN database](#) or check out the [USEU Trade with the EU website](#).

Section IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

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Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

For pet birds in addition to an EU harmonized certificate, it is necessary to request actual requirements information from the State Veterinary Administration. Contact information is listed in Appendix I of this report.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Export Certificates' Outlines

For copies and outlines of the required export certificates please follow the links under Export Certification in Section I. The State Veterinary Administration strongly recommends contacting them for current conditions and requirements prior to exporting animals and animal products to the Czech Republic at int@svscr.cz.

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