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**Report Highlights:**

All the sections of the Report have been updated based on updated website links and contacts, as well as to comply with the updated reporting instructions. The report lists major certificates and permits required to export food and agricultural products from the United States to South Africa. It is recommended that this report be read with the FAIRS – Annual Country Report (<https://gain.fas.usda.gov/#/search>) for a comprehensive understanding of the South African certification and permit requirements.

## **SOUTH AFRICA: FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL IMPORT REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS (FAIRS) CERTIFICATION**

This report was prepared by the USDA - Foreign Agricultural Services in Pretoria, South Africa for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care was 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 customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any products are shipped.

**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.**

## Background

South African import permits, health certificates and phytosanitary permits are country-specific and commodity-specific. It is recommended that exporters contact the listed South African certifying authority on the contact details provided in **Table 3** to obtain the United States and commodity-specific conditions for each permit. Links to examples of some certificates are listed in **Appendix I**.

Alternatively, these certificates and export requirements are also provided on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) website at the following links: [Click here for animal and animal products permits](#) or [Click here for plant and plant products permits](#) or [Click here for veterinary biological products permits](#). The export certification checklist, requirements for meat, poultry and processed egg products, export related policies, and eligible U.S. establishments can be obtained from the following Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) website: [Click here for the FSIS export requirements](#). The information and the requirements for the import and export of animal feed and drugs can be obtained from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), at the following link: [Click here for the FDA requirements and processes](#).

## Animals and Animal Products

In terms of the South African Section 6 of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984), an import permit and veterinary health certificate are required when exporting animal and animal products to South Africa. Detailed information on the exportation of animal and animal products to South Africa can be obtained at the following link: [Click here to download information on the exportation of animal and animal products to South Africa](#).

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) Directorate of Food Import and Export Standards in the Animal Health Division is responsible for issuing the import permits. Veterinary import permits are usually issued within five to ten working days, under normal circumstances. The application forms for import permits can be obtained at the following link: [Click here to download application forms](#).

The veterinary health certificate can be issued by a recognized veterinary authority of the exporting country. South Africa requires that the veterinary health certificate be completed before the products are shipped, or within ten days of departure of the shipment. The USDA – APHIS is a recognized certifying authority by South Africa and provides inspection and certification services to United States exporters. The procedures and requirements for exporting animals and animal products from the United States to South Africa can be obtained at the following APHIS website: [Click this link to the APHIS webpage](#).

South Africa usually specifies any other documentation (e.g. Indemnity Declaration, Rabies Vaccination Certificate) required prior to or when issuing the import permit. South Africa will only allow the import of animal and animal products from abattoirs and de-boning plants approved by the Director of Animal Health in terms of the Meat Safety Act, (Act no 40 of 2000). The list of approved abattoirs and de-boning plants can be found at the following link: [Click here to download the list of approved abattoirs and de-boning plants, as well as the process and forms for registration](#). United States facilities seeking approval to export to South Africa are required to apply to FSIS, <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/forms> .

## **Plant and Plant Products**

In terms of the South African Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983) certain plant commodities require an import permit, while others are exempt but have to comply with phytosanitary measures for such exemption. The DAFF Directorate of Plant health is responsible for issuing import permits. The USDA – APHIS is a recognized certifying authority by South Africa and provides inspection and certification services to United States exporters to confirm that the shipment complies with the required phytosanitary measures. The procedures to be followed when importing plant and plant products South Africa can be obtained at the following link: [Click here to download the procedures](#). The import permit application forms and fees are also available at the following links: [Click here to download the application forms and fees](#).

## **Liquor Products**

The DAFF Quality Audit Division under the Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance is responsible for the inspection, sampling and issuing import certificates for liquor products. An import certificate is required to import liquor products, in bulk/ bottles (excluding beer) into South Africa. An importer is only required to apply for an import certificate once in the lifetime of a product, thereafter, the same import certificate number can be used provided that the composition, content, bottle size and label of that product doesn't change. An acceptable Analysis Certificate, issued by an Official Laboratory in the country of origin, is usually requested when applying for an import permit, and if provided, certain fees are exempted during the application. The lists of the Official Laboratories accepted in the different countries can be obtained from Ms. Marian Honing (Tel: +27 21 809 1687 or [marianh@nda.agric.za](mailto:marianh@nda.agric.za) ).

The procedures for applying for a liquor import permit can be obtained at the following link: [Click here to download the procedures](#). The application forms can also be downloaded at the following link: [Click here to download the application forms](#). At least 48 hours' notice must be given to the Quality Audit Division every time a consignment of liquor, for which an import certificate has been issued, will enter this country.

## **Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)**

The DAFF Biosafety Directorate is responsible for issuing GMO import permits, GMO status certificates, as well as permits for use (food, feed or processing) and conducting trials in South Africa. The procedures and application forms for these permits can be downloaded at the following link: [Click here to download the forms](#). The guideline documents for GMOs certifications, regulations and fees can be obtained at the following link: [Click here to download the guideline documents](#).

## SECTION I: LIST, PURPOSE AND SPECIFIC ATTESTATION OF ALL THE REQUIRED EXPORT CERTIFICATES

**Table 1: List of Required Export Certificates for Animals and Animal Products**

| Product   | Title of Certificate          | Attestation Required on Certificate   | Purpose  | Requesting Ministry  |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Milk and Milk Based Products for Human Consumption  | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of product &amp; animal species of origin.</li> <li>• Number of packages or units/net weight.</li> <li>• The product was produced from milk or milk-based products, derived from animals in or from a country which were not under restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease or Rinderpest.</li> <li>• Product was processed at an officially approved manufacturing plant.</li> <li>• Product was subjected to prescribed processes such as Ultra high temperature treatment, Pasteurized, Heat sterilized, and Acidification.</li> <li>• Products do not contain any products derived from animals other than milk or milk-based products.</li> <li>• Products are fit for human consumption.</li> <li>• The products do not contain any harmful additives or constitute any danger of introducing infectious or contagious diseases into South Africa.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that products are fit and safe for human consumption.</li> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |
| Milk and Milk Based Products for Animal Consumption   | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of product &amp; animal species of origin.</li> <li>• Number of packages or units/net weight.</li> <li>• The product was produced from milk or milk-based products, derived from animals in or from a country which were not under restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease or Rinderpest.</li> <li>• Product was processed at an officially approved manufacturing plant.</li> <li>• Product was subjected to prescribed processes such as Ultra high temperature treatment, Pasteurized, Heat sterilized, acidification.</li> <li>• Products do not contain any products derived from animals other than milk or milk-based products.</li> <li>• Products do not contain any harmful additives or constitute any danger of introducing infectious or contagious diseases into South Africa.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that products are fit and safe for animal consumption.</li> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA APHIS.</li> </ul> |
| Caseine, Caseinate or Milk-Protein for Human Consumption Derived from Milk Products Imported from | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The product was produced from casein or dairy proteins legally imported from an FMD infected country.</li> <li>• Product was processed at an officially approved manufacturing plant.</li> <li>• Product was subjected to one of the following processes, ultra-high temperature treatment, pasteurization, UHT or sterilization, or</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that products are fit and safe for human consumption.</li> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |

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| FMD Infected Countries                                   |                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>acidification.</li> <li>• Products do not contain any products derived from animals other than milk or milk-based products.</li> <li>• Products are fit for human consumption.</li> <li>• Products do not contain any harmful additives or constitute any danger of introducing infectious or contagious diseases into South Africa.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>into South Africa.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul>  |  |
| Products Containing Dairy and Eggs                       | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Origin of the consignment.</li> <li>• Products were produced from products derived from flocks and herds which were not under any veterinary restriction for diseases to which the species are susceptible and can be transmitted by the product.</li> <li>• The dairy products used such as milk from herds kept in a FMD Free or not free zone have been subjected to the correct ultra-high temperature treatments, pasteurized, and acidification.</li> <li>• The eggs used were produced and packaged in a highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza free country or were treated to time and temperature suitable for the inactivation of highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza virus in eggs and egg products.</li> <li>• Eggs used was produced and packaged in a Newcastle disease, as defined by the OIE free country or zone or were treated to time and temperature suitable for the inactivation of Newcastle disease.</li> <li>• Eggs were subject to pasteurization process to destroy harmful microorganisms including salmonella.</li> <li>• Product was manufactured in facilities inspected and approved by the competent authority and subject to regular audits or inspections aimed at ensuring that the processing is properly and hygienically carried out to produce a product that is fit for human consumption.</li> <li>• Products do not contain any harmful additives or constitute any danger of introducing infectious or contagious diseases into South Africa.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that products are fit and safe for human consumption.</li> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |
| Raw Animal Wool, Mohair and Scoured Animal Wool / Mohair | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of Product.</li> <li>• Origin of the consignment.</li> <li>• Product was derived from an area where anthrax is not prevalent, and which is free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, east coast fever, sheep scab and sheep pox.</li> <li>• Vesicular stomatitis has not occurred on the farms of origin.</li> <li>• In the case of greasy/raw wool or mohair the</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |

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|  |                               | <p>product was stored under official veterinary supervision for a minimum of 30 days prior to departure for export</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the case of scoured animal wool or mohair, the wool or mohair was scoured at an approved establishment, which consists of the immersion of wool / mohair in a water-soluble detergent held at 60-70oC. The scoured wool / mohair did not come into contact with raw materials prior to export.</li> <li>• The wool / mohair / scoured animal wool are sourced from a plant that is approved and regularly inspected by the Veterinary Authority of the United States of America.</li> <li>• The consignment will be packed in new packaging materials.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Hides and Skins  | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hides were obtained from animals which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Were slaughtered at licensed abattoirs approved for export by the veterinary authority of the USDA;</li> <li>○ Were presented for slaughter for human consumption and were inspected by officers authorized for that purpose;</li> <li>○ Came from districts where no foot and mouth disease had been reported for the previous six months and where anthrax is not prevalent, and also where no restriction were in force for the control of epizootic diseases of the species;</li> <li>○ At the time of slaughter showed no evidence of vesicular stomatitis, foot and mouth disease or anthrax;</li> <li>○ Have not been slaughtered in a disease eradication campaign.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The hides were loaded/containerized and sealed under authorized supervision. Container numbers or seal numbers stipulated.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |
| Products derived from bovine blood or blood byproducts intended for pharmaceutical or laboratory use | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bovine blood used in the manufacturing process of the product was collected from cattle which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Were born and raised in the United States, or a country where rinderpest, foot and mouth disease (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, peste de petits ruminants, and lumpy skin disease have not been reported in the last 5 years;</li> <li>○ Were sourced from farms where vesicular stomatitis has not been reported in the past 5 years;</li> <li>○ Were subjected to a NON-pneumatic captive bolt stunning method prior to slaughter;</li> <li>○ Were not subjected to a pithing process prior to slaughter;</li> <li>○ Were not slaughtered in a disease eradication</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |

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|   |                               | <p>campaign;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Passed ante and post-mortem inspection (for human consumption), and showed no evidence of systemic infectious diseases, including anthrax, leptospirosis, or bovine tuberculosis.</li> <li>• The bovine blood used in the manufacturing process of the product was collected in a closed manner from the jugular/vena cava area, after the animals were stunned and hoisted to a head-down position.</li> <li>• The slaughter and manufacturing facilities are controlled and regulated by the competent U.S. authorities.</li> <li>• Procedures are in place to ensure that the final product can be traced back to the source bovine animals and blood above.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Bile salts (for Pharmaceutical Purposes Only) | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bile salts were derived from cattle which have been subjected to both ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection, at the abattoir, where the cattle were found to be free from clinical signs of disease.</li> <li>• The bile was derived from animals born and raised in Canada, USA, Mexico.</li> <li>• The cattle were slaughtered at an USA establishment.</li> <li>• The bile was processed at an establishment which is approved by official veterinary authorities of the USA for export purposes.</li> <li>• During collection of the bile, precautions were put in place to ensure that the bile was not contaminated by specific risk material for BSE.</li> <li>• The country of origin is officially free from foot and mouth disease.</li> <li>• The bile salts have been subjected to treatments involving heating, solvent extraction and vacuum drying.</li> <li>• The product was packed in a manner designed to prevent recontamination of the product after processing.</li> <li>• The packaging shows the identification of the manufacturing facility.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |
| Pet Food                                      | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product was manufactured in a USDA approved facility.</li> <li>• The products meet the requirements of U.S Laws and Regulations and may be freely sold in the United States.</li> <li>• The pet food contains only porcine and/or poultry origin ingredients that were sourced from the United States and/or legally imported ingredients from Canada.</li> <li>• The pet food contains only fish and/or bovine dairy products sourced from the United States and/or legally imported ingredients.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that products are fit and safe for animal consumption.</li> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |



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|                                   |                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The United States is officially recognized as a negligible BSE risk country by the OIE.</li> <li>• All bovine material was sourced from animals born, reared and slaughtered in a negligible BSE risk country, the United States or was sourced from animals born in Canada.</li> <li>• Hermetically sealed containers should be heat treated, manufactured and packed in compliance with approved manufacturing practice.</li> <li>• Products comply with the acceptable salmonella and enterobacteriaceae.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Other Animals and animal products | Veterinary Health Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country of origin of consignment.</li> <li>• Country/Zone is free from prescribed or notifiable diseases e.g. BSE, Foot and Mouth, Anthrax etc.</li> <li>• The prescribed inspections, isolations, treatments and tests that have been carried out as prescribed.</li> <li>• Prescribed bedding, fodder, feedstuffs, transportation and supervision by official veterinary authority.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The certificate confirms that the prescribed regulations and conditions have been met.</li> <li>• Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into South Africa, as well as to protect human health.</li> </ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts a health certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |
| Animals and animal products       | Import Permit                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official permit granting authority to import the specified animal or animal products subject to the prescribed conditions and a valid Health Certificate.</li> <li>• The validity of the permit, and whether it applies to single or multiple consignments.</li> <li>• Quantity to be imported.</li> <li>• Port of Entry likely to be utilized.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The permit serves as the official authorization and confirmation to import.</li> <li>• The permit also states the conditions applicable to the imports</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DTI (Seafood).</li> </ul>  |

Source: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

**Table 2: List of Required Export Certificates for Plant and Plant Products, and Liquor**

| <b>Product</b>                 | <b>Title of Certificate</b> | <b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Requesting Ministry</b>  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| Plant and Plant Products       | Phytosanitary Permit        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attests to the phytosanitary status of any consignment affected by phytosanitary regulations.</li> <li>• Country of origin of consignment.</li> <li>• The prescribed regulations, quarantine, treatment and other prescribed procedures have been tested and fulfilled.</li> <li>• Follows the model certificates of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prevent the introduction or spread of quarantine pests or to limit the economic impact of regulated non-quarantine pests.</li> <li>• Quality control.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF.</li> <li>• DAFF accepts an electronic certificate issued by USDA-APHIS.</li> </ul> |
| Plant and Plant Products       | Import Permit               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official document authorizing importation of a commodity in accordance with specified phytosanitary measures and other import requirements.</li> <li>• The validity of the permit, the prescribed port of entry if applicable, and whether it applies to single or multiple consignments.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The permit serves as the official authorization and confirmation to import.</li> <li>• The permit also states the conditions applicable to the imports.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF</li> </ul>  |
| Genetically Modified Organisms | GMO Permit                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The commodity is registered and has the necessary approvals in SA.</li> <li>• Approval for the development, production, use, release, or distribution of the GMO has been granted. All activities must be approved by the executive council before the registrar can issue a permit.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality control.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF</li> </ul>  |
| Liquor                         | Import Certificate          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product complies with the requirements of the Liquor Act 60 of 1989.</li> <li>• The validity of the certificate. You apply for the import certificate only once; thereafter the same import certificate number can be used provided that the composition, content, bottle size and label of the product does not change.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food safety and quality.</li> <li>• Preliminary approval to import a specific liquor product.</li> <li>• To confirm the origin of the products.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAFF</li> </ul>  |

Source: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

## SECTION II: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Table 3: Animals and Animal Products: Veterinary Health Certificate**

| Question   | Answer | Comment   |
|--|--------|---|
| Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?  | Yes    |   |
| How long is the certificate valid?   | Varies | Usually issued for 3 months   |
| Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?  | Varies | Usually issued for one consignment  |
| Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance instead of a certificate issued by a competent authority? | No     |   |
| Will the foreign country accept a U.S State issued export certificate?   | Yes    | By an official and prescribed official e.g. APHIS, FDA or FSIS  |
| Will the country waive export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?  | No     | Certificates are accepted from recognized U.S agencies such as APHIS, FDA or FSIS. The application can be submitted on the <a href="#">APHIS</a> , <a href="#">FDA</a> and <a href="#">FSIS</a> websites. |
| Does the country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?  | No     |   |

**Table 4: Animals and Animal Products: Veterinary Import Permit**

| Question  | Answer | Comment   |
|---|--------|---|
| Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?               | Yes    |   |
| How long is the certificate valid?  | Varies | Usually issued for 3 months   |
| Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?   | Varies | Usually for one consignment   |
| Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance? | No     |   |
| Will the foreign country accept a U.S State issued export certificate?                          | No     | Only issued by DAFF   |
| Will the country waive export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?               | Yes    | All import permits can only be issued by the SA government. Contact details for applications are included in <b>Table 9</b> . |
| Does the country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?                               | No     |   |

**Table 5: Plant and Plant Products: Phytosanitary Permit**

| Question  | Answer | Comment  |
|---|--------|--|
| Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?               | Yes    |  |
| How long is the certificate valid?  | Varies | Usually one year or quantity based.                |
| Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?   | Varies |  |
| Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance? | No     |  |
| Will the foreign country accept a U.S State issued export certificate?                          | Yes    | By an official and prescribed official, e.g. APHIS |
| Will the country waive export certificates? Which   | No     | Certificates accepted from                         |

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| certificates? How do you apply?                                   |    | recognized US agencies Certificates are accepted from recognized U.S agencies such as <a href="#">APHIS</a> . |
| Does the country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale? | No |   |

**Table 6: Plant and Plant Products: Import Permit**

| Question  | Answer | Comment   |
|---|--------|---|
| Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?               | Yes    |   |
| How long is the certificate valid?  | Varies | Usually one year or quantity based.   |
| Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?   | Varies |   |
| Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance? | No     |   |
| Will the foreign country accept a U.S State issued export certificate?                          | No     | Only issued by DAFF   |
| Will the country waive export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?               | Yes    | All import permits can only be issued by the SA government. Contact details for applications are included in <b>Table 9</b> . |
| Does the country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?                               | No     |   |

**Table 7: Liquor: Import Certificate**

| Question  | Answer     | Comment   |
|---|------------|---|
| Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?               | Yes        |   |
| How long is the certificate valid?  | Indefinite | Provided that the composition, content, bottle size and label of that product doesn't change.                                 |
| Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?   | Yes        |   |
| Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance? | No         |   |
| Will the foreign country accept a U.S State issued export certificate?                          | No         |   |
| Will the country waive export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?               | Yes        | All import permits can only be issued by the SA government. Contact details for applications are included in <b>Table 9</b> . |
| Does the country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?                               | No         |   |

**Table 8: Genetically Modified Organisms: Import Certificate**

| <b>Question</b>   | <b>Answer</b> | <b>Comment</b>  |
|---|---------------|---|
| Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?               | Yes           |   |
| How long is the certificate valid?  | Varies        | Usually one year or quantity based.   |
| Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?   | Varies        |   |
| Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance? | No            |   |
| Will the foreign country accept a U.S State issued export certificate?                          | No            |   |
| Will the country waive export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?               | Yes           | All import permits can only be issued by the SA government. Contact details for applications are included in <b>Table 9</b> . |
| Does the country specifically require a Certificate of Free Sale?                               | No            |   |

### **SECTION III: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Certificate of Origin**

The South African Declaration (or certificate) of Origin, Form DA-59, certifying the country of origin, description of goods, weight, etc., is required for shipments of some foodstuffs. South African Customs will notify the importer if a Form DA-59 is required and the importer will notify the exporter. When the form is required, exporters or suppliers must provide at least one original signed copy attached to the original commercial invoice. The Form DA-59 can be downloaded from the following link; [Click here to download Form DA - 59](#).

## SECTION IV: CONTACT DETAILS OF THE RELEVANT CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES

**Table 9: Contact Details of the Certifying Authorities**

| Product                        | Title of Certificate   | Requesting Ministry   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Animals and animal products    | Veterinary health certificate  | DAFF: Food Import and Export Standards<br>Tel.: 27 12 319 6004 / 6117/ 7632/ 7503/ 7414<br>Email: <a href="mailto:VetPermits@daff.gov.za">VetPermits@daff.gov.za</a>  |
| Animals and animal products    | Import Permit  | DAFF: Animal Health<br>Tel.: 27 12 319 6004 / 6117/ 7514/ 7461/ 7406<br>Fax: 27 12 329 8292 or 27 12 319 7644<br>Email: <a href="mailto:VetPermits@daff.gov.za">VetPermits@daff.gov.za</a>  |
| Plant and Plant Products       | Phytosanitary permit   | DAFF: Directorate: Plant health<br>Tel: 27 12 319 6102/ 6383/ 6130/ 6207/ 6396.<br>Fax: 27 12 319 6370<br>Email: <a href="mailto:PlantHealthPermits@daff.gov.za">PlantHealthPermits@daff.gov.za</a> or <a href="mailto:Info.sps@daff.gov.za">Info.sps@daff.gov.za</a> |
| Plant and Plant Products       | Import permit  | DAFF: Directorate: Plant health<br>Tel: 27 12 319 6102/ 6383/ 6130<br>Fax: 27 12 319 6370<br>Email: <a href="mailto:PlantHealthPermits@daff.gov.za">PlantHealthPermits@daff.gov.za</a> or <a href="mailto:Info.sps@daff.gov.za">Info.sps@daff.gov.za</a>              |
| Liquor                         | Import certificate   | DAFF: Food Safety and Quality Assurance<br>Tel: 27 21 809 1602/1687/1681<br>Fax: 27 21 887 6396/6392<br>Email: <a href="mailto:WendyJ@daff.gov.za">WendyJ@daff.gov.za</a>   |
| Genetically modified organisms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMO Permit</li> <li>• GMO Status Certificate</li> </ul> | DAFF: Genetic Resources - Biosafety<br>Tel: +27 12 319 6382<br>Fax: +27 12 319 6298<br>Email: <a href="mailto:NompumeleloM@daff.gov.za">NompumeleloM@daff.gov.za</a> or <a href="mailto:RefilweN@daff.gov.za">RefilweN@daff.gov.za</a>                                |

Source: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

## **APPENDIX I: ELECTRONIC COPY OR OUTLINE OF EACH EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of Milk or Milk-based Products for Human Consumption to the Republic of South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf\\_dp\\_hum\\_con\\_cert.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf_dp_hum_con_cert.pdf)

Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of Milk or Milk-based Products for Animal Consumption to the Republic of South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf\\_dp\\_animal\\_con\\_cert.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf_dp_animal_con_cert.pdf)

Veterinary Certificate for the Export of Raw Animal Wool, Mohair and Scoured Animal Wool / Mohair from the United States of America to South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf\\_vcert\\_wm.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf_vcert_wm.pdf)

Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of Hides and Skins from the United States to South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf\\_hides\\_cert.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf_hides_cert.pdf)

Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of Caseine, Caseinate or Milk-Protein for Human Consumption Derived from Milk Products Imported from FMD Infected Countries for Export to the Republic of South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf\\_caseine.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf_caseine.pdf)

Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of Bile Salts (for Pharmaceutical Purposes only) from United States to the Republic of South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf\\_cert\\_bile\\_salts.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf_cert_bile_salts.pdf)

Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of Products Containing Dairy and Egg from United States to the Republic of South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf\\_dairy\\_cert.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf_dairy_cert.pdf)

Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of Pet Food from United States to the Republic of South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf\\_petfood\\_cert.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/sf_petfood_cert.pdf)

United States origin Health Certificate for Exportation of horses to South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/sf\\_eq\\_hc.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/sf_eq_hc.pdf)

U.S. Origin Health Certificate for Exportation of Bovine Embryos to South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/sf\\_bo\\_em.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/sf_bo_em.pdf)

Health certificates/procedures for exporting shells eggs from the United States to South Africa.

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/publications/content/qad-shell-egg-exports>

Health certificates/procedures for exporting hatching eggs from the United States to South Africa.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/regionalization/sa\\_by\\_country/sa\\_s/ct\\_animal\\_south\\_africa](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/regionalization/sa_by_country/sa_s/ct_animal_south_africa)



**Attachments:**

No Attachments