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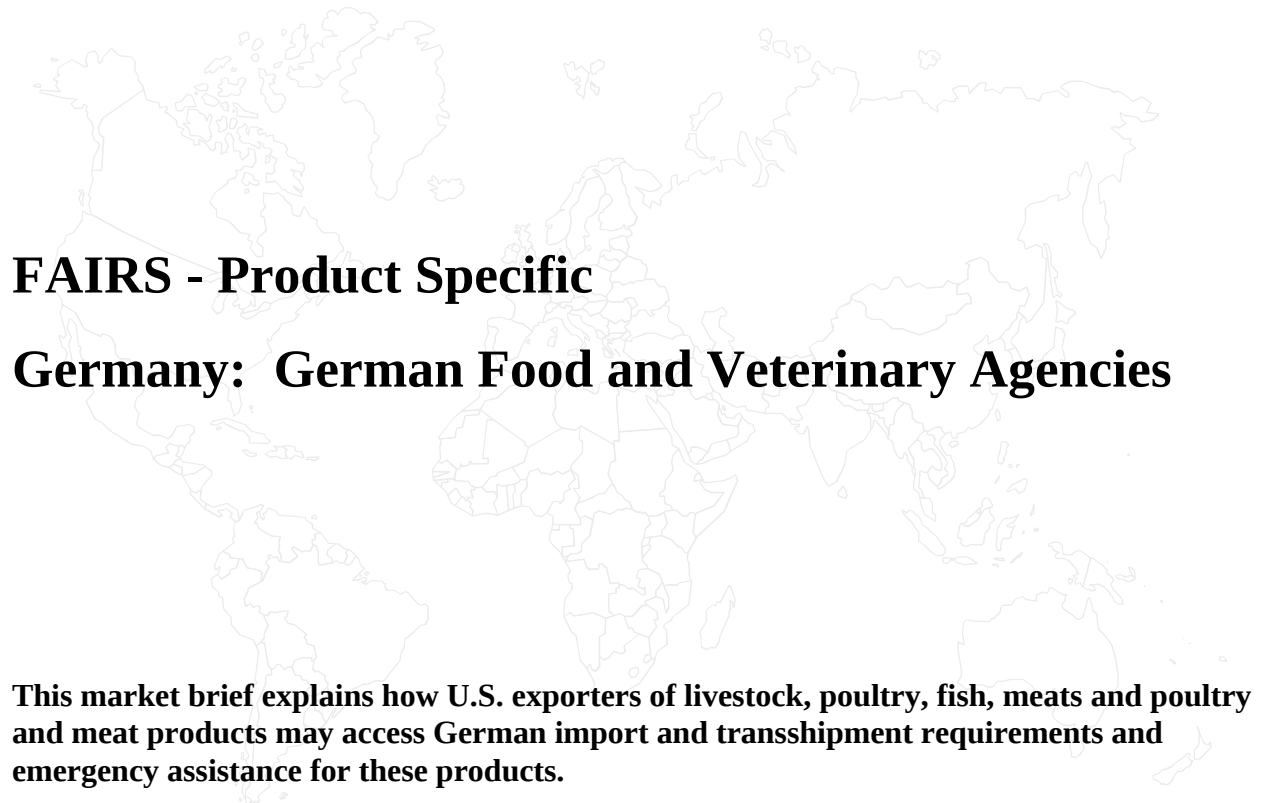
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FAIRS - Product Specific

Germany: German Food and Veterinary Agencies

This market brief explains how U.S. exporters of livestock, poultry, fish, meats and poultry and meat products may access German import and transshipment requirements and emergency assistance for these products.

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General

This market brief is for U.S. exporters engaged with trade in livestock and products of animal origin (food and non-food) who need up to date information on EU- (European Union) import or transshipment regulation as well as emergency assistance with live animals or perishable items.

Federal Level

German Federal Veterinary and Food Agencies

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture ("*Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten*") is responsible for trade in livestock, semen and embryos as well as non-food byproducts of the livestock business such as hides and skins, tallow and grease for industrial purposes, manure and bio-fertilizer, animal feed and rendered products.

On the federal level, authorities implement EU laws and regulations and negotiate trade requirements on an international level with EU members and third countries. They also discuss trade issues with state level authorities in Germany to facilitate smooth administration and are responsible for animal health and welfare questions as well as disease control. If you have questions in these areas or need market information, please contact the responsible FAS office first. The federal office may only be contacted to obtain general information on trade and regulations in livestock and non-food products in Germany and does not handle practical import procedures which are handled by individual state offices (refer to addresses below).

Bundesministerium für Ernährung,
Landwirtschaft und Forsten
Referat 332
Rochusstr. 1
53123 Bonn, Germany

Tel.: 49 (228) 529-3798
Fax: 49 (228) 529-4401

The Federal Ministry of Health ("*Bundesministerium für Gesundheit*") is responsible for trade in food products of animal origin such as meats, venison, poultry meats, fish products and dairy products. For general questions related to public health, please contact this or the responsible FAS area office.

Bundesministerium für Gesundheit
Unterabteilung 42 - Veterinärmedizin
53108 Bonn, Germany

Tel.: 49 (228) 941-4200
Fax: 49 (228) 941-4944

For trade questions, export and import lists of eligible companies, technical and practical questions related to trade, trade regulations and restrictions as well as inquiries of U.S. companies in these areas, please direct questions directly to the German Import/Export Staff of the German Federal Institut of Consumer Health Protection and Veterinary Medicine (*"Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin"*).

Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen
Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin
Diedersdorfer Weg 1
12277 Berlin, Germany

Tel.: 49 (30) 8412-2114
Fax: 49 (30) 8412- 2177
Email: imex@bgvv.de

State Level

The Federal Republic of Germany consists of 16 federal states which are responsible for carrying out European Union (EU) or German veterinary and food regulations. With respect to imports, these states administer prevailing regulations within their jurisdiction. Where no EU or German regulation exist, they solely determine import requirements which then may vary among states. For information and emergency assistance, importers and exporters must therefore contact the Chief State Food and Veterinary Agency (refer to section below) of the federal state where the product first enters Germany. These chief agencies supervise local and regional veterinary offices located at various points of entry, which may be a port, airport or land border to clear products.

The following Chief State Veterinary Agencies are authorized to give importers official or "binding" public and animal health information on imports or transshipments of live animals and products of animal origin and emergency assistance. They may also be contacted directly by U.S. exporters. Please note that most airborne shipments arrive at the airport in Frankfurt (Federal State of Hesse) while most seaborne shipments arrive at the harbors of Bremen (Federal State of Bremen) and Hamburg (Federal State of Hamburg).

Addresses of Chief State Food and Veterinary Agencies in Germany

State of Baden-Württemberg:

Ministerium für Ländlichen Raum
Kernerplatz 10
70182 Stuttgart, Germany

Tel.: 49 (711) 126-0
Fax: 49 (711) 126-2255

State of Bavaria:

Bayerisches Staatsministerium für
Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten
Winzerstr. 9
80797 München, Germany

Tel.: 49 (89) 1261-01
Fax: 49 (89) 1261-1022
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State of Berlin:

Staatsverwaltung für Gesundheit
Referat IV A
Sächsische Str. 28-30
10707 Berlin, Germany

Tel.: 49 (30) 867-1
Fax: 49 (30) 867-3141

State of Brandenburg:

Ministerium für Ernährung,
Landwirtschaft und Forsten
Heinrich-Mann-Allee 103
14473 Potsdam, Germany

Tel.: 49 (331) 866-0
Fax: 49 (331) 866-4459

State of Bremen:

Senator für Gesundheit, Jugend und
Soziales der Freien Hansestadt Bremen
Grosse Weidestr. 4-16
28195 Bremen, Germany

Tel.: 49 (421) 361-1
Fax: 49 (421) 361-4808
397-9321

State of Hamburg:

Behörde für Arbeit, Gesundheit und
Soziales der Hansestadt Hamburg
Amt für Gesundheits- und Veterinärwesen
Tesdorpfstr. 18
20148 Hamburg, Germany

Tel.: 49 (40) 44195-474
Fax: 49 (40) 44195-289

State of Hesse:

Hessisches Ministerium für
Jugend, Familie und Gesundheit
Dostojewskistr. 4
65187 Wiesbaden, Germany

Tel.: 49 (611) 817-3723
Fax: 49 (611) 817-3717

State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern:

Ministerium für Landwirtschaft
und Naturschutz des Landes
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Paulshöher Weg 1
19061 Schwerin, Germany

Tel.: 49 (385) 588-0
Fax: 49 (385) 588-6028

State of Lower Saxony:

Ministerium für Ernährung,
Landwirtschaft und Forsten
des Landes Niedersachsen
Calenberger Str. 2
30169 Hannover, Germany

Tel.: 49 (511) 120-1
Fax: 49 (511) 120-2159

State of North Rhine-Westphalia:

Ministerium für Umwelt, Raum-
ordnung und Landwirtschaft des
Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen
Schwannstr. 3
40476 Düsseldorf, Germany

Tel.: 49 (211) 4566-0
Fax: 49 (211) 4566-388

State of Rhineland-Palatinate:

Ministerium für Umwelt und Forsten
des Landes Rheinland-Pfalz
Kaiser-Friedrich-Str. 7
55116 Mainz, Germany

Tel.: 49 (6131) 16-0
Fax: 49 (6131) 16-4646

State of Saarland:

Ministerium für Frauen, Arbeit,
Gesundheit und Soziales
Franz-Josef-Röder-Str. 23
66119 Saarbrücken, Germany

Tel.: 49 (681) 501-1
Fax: 49 (681) 501-3239

State of Saxony:

Sächsisches Staatsministerium für
Soziales, Gesundheit und Familie
Abteilung 60 - Veterinärwesen
Albertstr. 10
01097 Dresden, Germany

Tel.: 49 (351) 564-0
Fax: 49 (351) 564-7770

State of Saxony-Anhalt:

Ministerium für Raumordnung,
Landwirtschaft und Umwelt
des Landes Sachsen-Anhalt
Ovenstedter Str. 4-5
39108 Magdeburg, Germany

Tel.: 49 (391) 567-01
Fax: 49 (391) 567-1727

State of Schleswig-Holstein:

Ministerium für ländliche Räume,
Landwirtschaft, Ernährung und Tourismus
Düstenbrooker Weg 104-108
24105 Kiel, Germany

Tel.: 49 (431) 596-1
Fax: 49 (431) 596-4504
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State of Thuringia:

Thüringer Ministerium für
Soziales und Gesundheit
Werner-Seelenbinder-Str. 14
99096 Erfurt

Tel.: 49 (361) 4289-0
Fax: 49 (361) 4289-380

Foreign Agricultural Service

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), USDA, assists exporters interested in marketing products in Germany. FAS maintains two posts in Germany and an export services division in Washington, DC. The Office of Agricultural Affairs, which is located in the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, oversees all USDA activities in Germany and can provide information on German agricultural policy, commodities, taxes, tariffs and German food and feed law. The FAS Bonn office may be contacted as follows:

Foreign Agricultural Service
American Embassy/Bonn
PSC 120, Box 3000
APO AE 09265

Tel: (49-30) 8305-1150
Fax: (49-30) 8431-1935
E-Mail: agberlin@fas.usda.gov

Foreign Agricultural Service
American Embassy/Berlin
Clayallee 170
14195 Berlin

The Agricultural Trade Office (ATO), which is located in the U.S. Consulate-General in Hamburg, has primary responsibility for coordinating FAS marketing activities in Germany. Facilitating trade contacts between U.S. agricultural suppliers and German importers represents a major ATO marketing function. The ATO may also supply U.S. exporters with basic market information and may be contacted as follows:

U.S. Agricultural Trade Office
Alsterufer 28
20354 Hamburg, Germany

Tel: (49-40) 414-6070
Fax: (49-40) 414-60720
E-Mail: atohamburg@fas.usda.gov

The AgExport Services Division in Washington, DC offers detailed information on export services provided by FAS:

AgExport Services Division
Mail Stop 1052
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC 20250-1052

Tel: (202) 720-7103
Fax: (202) 690-4374