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Report Highlights:

South Africa has a number of documentary requirements for food products. We are able to provide some of the forms, and explanations in this report. Please note that these forms provide only a guideline as the regulations are continuously changing. It is therefore necessary for both the exporter and a local agent to do a thorough investigation of the requirements before shipping goods.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs of the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service 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 foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods 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.

SECTION I. Export Certificates Matrix

Plant Health Requirements

A phytosanitary certificate is required for shipments of living plants, seeds, fresh fruits and vegetables. Importers must obtain an entry permit before any shipment into South Africa. Specific regulations are required for the importation of lard, bacon, ham, hides and skins, sausage casings, animal hair and bristles, and honey and products containing honey, and information is available at: <http://www.nda.agric.za>

Veterinary Health Requirements

The health requirements change often. Please contact the Director of Veterinary Services, Permit Office to obtain the latest health requirements:

<http://www.nda.agric.za> Choose 'Regulatory & Other Services' from the left-side menu. Select 'Veterinary Services' and then 'Import/Export'.

Under the 'Import' Section you can find application forms for animal and animal products.

Requirements for Canned Products:

[Http://www.sabs.co.za](http://www.sabs.co.za)

<http://www.doh.gov.za/department/foodcontrol/legis.html>

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
1. TRANSPORT DOCUMENTATION				
All food products	Bills of lading (different types, depending on agreement and mode of transport)	Port and customs Inspectors	Contract of carriage. It is a certificate of ownership to the goods. Defines details, terms of shipping line contract from a specified port to the other. A signed receipt should be given to the shipper by the shipping line. It specifies the quantity, quality, value or condition of contents packs. Also guide handling, dispatch & deliveries	Required by the port, customs, and often consular authorities.
For all food products	Certificate of insurance	Port and customs Inspectors		Department of Customs
For all food products	Customs documents	Port and Customs Inspectors	Certificate of origin in case of goods with anti-dumping charges i) Bills of lading/air	Department of Customs

			waybill/road hauliers certificates ii) Commercial invoice iii) Customs worksheet iv Bills of entry (DA500)	
For all food products	Exchange control documents	Customs and Port Inspectors	For a compliance with Foreign Exchange Control requirements	Department of Customs
For all food products	Payment documents	Customs and Port Inspectors		Department of Customs
For all food products	Pro-forma invoice Inspection certificates & commercial invoice	Customs and Port Inspectors	List the import license number, the price and delivery term, and may be signed Contain all the final and accurate details relating to the consignment. Should be consistent with the sales agreement.	
For all food products	Packing declaration	Port, Health and Environmental health authorities.	Makes it easy for the Customs to identify any pack they wish to inspect List the number of packs, individual weight, dimensions and HS code.	Department of Customs
For all food products	Inspection certificates	Port and Customs Inspectors	South Africa does not necessarily require a pre-shipment inspection on imports. Food importers require a traceability report from a reputable inspection company before purchasing, especially from a new supplier. This requirement may be overlooked as soon as trust is established.	Depending on the product and a current food safety recall, any of the above Departments may require the certificate, otherwise it is mainly the Importer.
2. IMPORT PERMITS For all food products		Port Health Authorities, incl. Veterinary, and environmental	Requirement of the Import Control Regulations Act	Department of Agriculture Department of Sea Fisheries Department of Trade and Industry Department of Water Affairs Department of Health
A) ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS				
For imports of live animals(LIVESTOCK AND PETS-like cats and dogs), fresh, chilled and frozen meat and certain canned products.	Veterinary health certificates	Veterinary and Health Authorities	Used to control the spread of animal diseases. Import permit specifying the condition of importation is required. Agreements with the country of origin waiver some products because of pre-approved production conditions, e.g. imports of meat from approved abattoirs	Department of Agriculture Department of Trade and Industry Department of Health
For imports of wet/dry hides and skins	Veterinary health certificate	Veterinary Health Authorities; Port Health and Environmental officers	Used to control the spread of animal diseases. Import permit specifying the condition of importation is required. Agreements with the country of origin waiver some products because of pre-approved production conditions, e.g.	Department of Agriculture Department of Trade and Industry Department of Health

			imports of hides from approved abattoirs	
For semen (bovine, dog and horse)	Veterinary health certificate	Veterinary Health Authorities; Port Inspectors	Import permit specifying the condition of importation is required. Used to control illegal entry from non-authorised areas.	Department of Agriculture
B) PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS				
For imports of plant and plant products, like seeds, bulbs, cut flowers, etc.	Phytosanitary certificates	Plant Health Officials;	Used to control the spread of the spread of plant diseases and plant encroachment. Import permit should indicate the country of origin, and condition for importing specific plant products into South Africa. Is handled on a case-by-case basis. Agreements with the country of origin waiver some products because of pre-approved production conditions, e.g. imports from certain approved areas or facilities.	Department of Agriculture
For the packing materials (like wood crates, wood, wool). Also fruit or other plant materials (hay, straw, flax combing, palm packing fibre, brown coconut fibre)	Fumigation certificates	Plant Health Authorities	Proof that products and packing materials of plant origin had been fumigated or sterilized. Ensures that crates and cases are free of insect or fungus infestation. Ensure packing materials of plant origin are kept in bond at the port of entry for four months from the date of shipment, unless it is accompanied by the official authorization from the importing government, indicating it is free from foot & mouth disease, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, sheep-pox, or rinderpest. Had been subjected to the action of live steam in a closed compartment at a temperature of 185 degrees F for at least 10 minutes; sprayed with formaldehyde solution; was subjected to the action of heat in the presence of moisture	Department of Agriculture Department of Trade and Industry Department of Health
C) PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS				
For fruit, vegetables and processed fruit and vegetable products	Quality certificates	Health and Plant Health officers.	Mainly required for consumption and health purposes. Inspection is conducted prior to export.	Department of agriculture and health
For Canned fish, canned fish products, and canned marine	South African Bureau of	SABS INSPECTORS, health, Port Health, and Environmental health	To guarantee that products	Department of Health's Port Health Office

mollusks. Canned crustaceans; Canned meat products; frozen fish; frozen marine mollusks; frozen fish and frozen marine mollusk products; frozen rock lobster products; frozen shrimps (prawns); langoustines and crabs; and smoked snoek.	Standards	officers.	are suitable for consumption Inspection is conducted at the Port of entry. Local agents should be used for canned products. The importer needs to provide SABS with samples prior to imports, and will be provided with the suitability report to allow imports.	
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SECTION II: Purpose of specific export certificates

- Names of certificates are listed under the column, “Title of Certificates”, in the first column of the matrix.
- Purposes of certificates are indicated under the matrix column labeled “Purpose”.
- The names of Ministries that requires the certificates are specified under the column labeled “Requiring Ministry”.

SECTION III: Specific attestation required on the export certificates.

a) The officials who conduct attestation on the certificates are indicated under matrix column “Attestation required on certificate”.

b) Health Certificates:

Includes a description and origin of a product; shipping information as provided by the exporter, including metric tons and packaging materials; and all certifications declaring the product is free from any form of contamination, and its quality is good for consumption, as specified by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, and Department of the Environment.

c) Certificate of Quality:

Describes the product name, contents and grade, list the number and codes of samples tested, and gives attestation that the product conforms to the standards fit for human consumption.

d) Veterinary Health Certificates:

The registered veterinary inspector includes his name, the name of the firm, and the product name. If the product is of animal origin, the vet must certify that the raw materials are from areas free from any quarantine risk diseases.

e) Certificate of product origin:

Certify that the product is manufactured and packed by the firm and under hygienic condition, as attested by the area official.

For up to date certificates please visit www.nda.agric.za or contact this office at AgPretoria@fas.usda.gov and we will try to help you locate the correct one.

SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.

The length of validity depends on the certificate, but some sources say they are valid for two weeks after the product arrives at a South African port. Usually certificates may only apply to one shipment.

South Africa usually doesn't accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance.

South African authorities will accept a U.S. State issued export certificate if that state entity is certified by a federal department.

SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

We cannot find any other accreditation requirements at this time. If and when we do we will provide an update to this report.

APPENDIX I. ELECTRONIC COPY OR OUTLINE OF EACH EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Directorate Animal Health: (Permit Office)
 Private Bag X138, Pretoria, (Tswane) 0001
 Delpen Building, c/o Annie Botha & Union Street, Riviera, 0084
 Enquiries: Ms Ina Labuschagne, Tel: +27 12 319 7514/7632/7633/7503/7406/7414
 Fax: +27 12 329 8292

**APPLICATION TO IMPORT ANIMALS OR ANIMAL PRODUCTS INTO THE RSA
 (NOT SUBJECT TO QUARANTINE)**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. Please complete this form fully, in BLOCK LETTERS, prior to the return thereof.
2. Import permits are valid for a limited period and one consignment only.
3. Imports may not be authorized telephonically or telegraphically.
4. Application for a permit must be made at least six weeks but not longer than eight weeks prior to introduction.
5. After completion, return to: Director of Animal Health, Private Bag X138, Pretoria, 0001.
6. All veterinary certificates must be made available at port of entry only and need not accompany this application.

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

1. Name and surname
2. Postal address
3. Postal code
4. Telephone number

B. IMPORT DETAILS

1. The number of and/or species and/or class of animals/animal products sought to be imported
2. The country and part of country of origin
3. The port or airport or place from which the animal/product will be loaded
4. The port, airport or place in the Republic through which the animals/products will be imported.
5. Purpose for which the animals/products are to be imported
6. Full address of immediate destination in the Republic after off-loading
7. The date of embarkation of the animals/products for the Republic - month and year

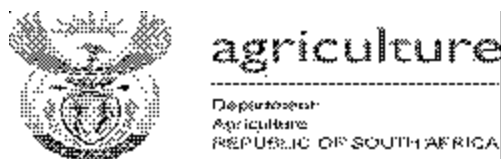
NB: No refunds will be given, if permits are not collected

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 Signature of applicant

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 Date

DO YOU WANT THE PERMITS TO BE:
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COLLECTED
 POSTED



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APPLICATION TO IMPORT/MOVE INTRANSIT MEAT OR MEAT PRODUCTS INTO/THROUGH THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. Please complete this form fully, in BLOCK LETTERS, prior to the return thereof.
2. Import permits are valid for a limited period and one consignment only.
3. Imports may not be authorized telephonically or telegraphically.
4. Application of a permit must be made at least six weeks but not longer than eight weeks prior to introduction.
5. After completion, return to: Director of Animal Health, Private Bag X138, Pretoria, 0001.
6. All veterinary certificates must be made available at port of entry only and need not accompany this application.

IMPORT DETAILS

1. Full name and address of applicant: (Capital letters please):

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.....Postal Code:.....
 Tel no:..... Fax no:.....

2. Description of consignment:

Product

Specify if cut is (a) Recognisable or

(b) Unrecognisable/Trimming/MRM/.....

Quantity

Abattoir no

Cutting plant no

Cold store no

3. Country of origin

4. Address loaded from (containerized)

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5. Consignor

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6. The port, airport or place from which the product will be loaded onto ship/aircraft vehicle:

..... direct/via

7. The port of entry (harbour, airport, border post) in the Republic through which the product will be imported

8. Consignee

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9. Full address of immediate destination in the Republic after off-loading:

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10. The purpose for which the meat/meat products are to be imported

11. The date of embarkation of the meat/meat products for the Republic

12. Port of exit from RSA when in transit
13. Final destination in case of in transit movement
14. The anticipated date of dispatch of the meat/meat products from the country of origin to the
RSA

A payment of R105-00 for import permit must accompany this application.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Reference must be Importers Name & Surname

Name of bank: Standard Bank of South Africa

Name of account holder: National Department of Agriculture

Name of the branch: Arcadia – Branch nr: 010845

Account nr: 011219556 -International Band

IB BRAND -:0001982 CENTRE CODE

Swift Code -:SBZA-ZAJJ

NB: No refunds will be given, if permits are not collected

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Date Signature
Do you want the permits to be - Collected
- Posted



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APPLICATION TO IMPORT/MOVE INTRANSIT DAIRY PRODUCTS INTO/THROUGH THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. Please complete this form fully, in BLOCK LETTERS, prior to the return thereof.
2. Import permits are valid for a limited period and one consignment only.
3. Imports may not be authorized telephonically or telegraphically.
4. Application of a permit must be made at least six weeks but not longer than eight weeks prior to introduction.
5. After completion, return to: Director of Animal Health, Private Bag X138, Pretoria, 0001.
6. All veterinary certificates must be made available at port of entry only and need not accompany this application.

IMPORT DETAILS

1. Full name and address of applicant: (Capital letters please):

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.....Postal Code:.....

Tel no:..... Fax no:.....

2. Description of consignment:

Products.....

Type of packaging:

Quantity

Manufacturing plant (name and address).....

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Storing facility (name and address)

Country where stored prior to export to RSA

3. Country of manufacturing

4. Complete address loaded from (containerized)

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5. Consignor (complete address).....

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6. The port, airport or place from which the product will be loaded onto ship/aircraft vehicle:

..... direct/via

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7. The port of entry (harbour, airport, border post) in the Republic through which the product will

be imported direct/via

8. Consignee (complete address).....

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9. Full address of immediate destination in the Republic after off-loading and release by

veterinary authorities:

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10. The purpose for which the products are to be imported

11. The date of embarkation of the products for the Republic

12. Port of exit from RSA when intransit
13. Final destination in case of intransit movement
14. The anticipated date of despatch of products from the country of export to the RSA

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A payment of R110-00 for import permit must accompany this application.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Reference must be Importers Name & Surname

Name of bank: Standard Bank of South Africa

Name of account holder: National Department of Agriculture

Name of the branch: Arcadia – Branch nr: 010845

Account nr: 011219556 -International Band

IB BRAND -:0001982 CENTRE CODE

Swift Code -:SBZA-ZAJJ

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Date

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Signature

Do you want the permits to be

- Collected

- Posted