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Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report

FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

All the sections of the report have been updated based on 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 Mozambique. It is recommended that this report be read with the FAIRS – Narrative Report, for a comprehensive understanding of the Mozambican regulations, standards and import requirements.

MOZAMBIQUE: FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL IMPORT REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS (FAIRS) CERTIFICATION

This report was prepared by the USDA - Foreign Agricultural Services in Maputo, Mozambique 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.

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

Mozambique import permits, health certificates, and phytosanitary permits vary from commodity to commodity and are country-specific.

Animals and Animal Products

Animals and animal products can be imported into Mozambique. The veterinary border control is made through the issuance of import permits and veterinary certificates for animals and animal products. More details can be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MASA), following the link: <http://www.masa.gov.mz/pecuaria/sanidade-animal/>

Plant and Plant Product

Mozambique regulates the import of plant and plant products through the legal decree 05/2009 of June 1, 2009. The National Plant Protection Authority (NPPO) is the Plant Protection Department under MASA, whose mandate includes preventing the introduction and dissemination of exotic pests and diseases by the importation of plant and plant products. The link below provides more details. <http://www.masa.gov.mz/agricultura/sanidade-vegetal>

Genetically Modified Organisms

Mozambique does allow for the import of GE crops intended for direct use as food, feed or for processing but requires pre-authorization from the National Biosafety Authority. The applicant has to submit a report on the risk assessment and management for human health and the environment, including monitoring measures. The applicant may also be required to submit samples for testing purposes.

SECTION II: LIST, SPECIFIC ATTESTATION AND PURPOSE 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 Authority
Milk and Milk Based Products for Human Consumption	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confirm type of product and its composition Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety and quality Prevent diseases 	MASA
Milk and Milk Based Products for Animal Consumption	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confirm type of product and its composition Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety and quality Prevent diseases 	MASA
Caseine, Caseinate or Milk-Protein for Human Consumption Derived from Milk Products Imported from FMD Infected Countries	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confirm type of product and its composition Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety and quality Prevent diseases 	MASA
Products from FMD Infected Countries	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confirm type of product and its composition Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety and quality Prevent diseases 	MASA
Products Containing Dairy and Eggs	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate serves to confirm that product is not from areas that are declared affected by birds diseases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety and quality Prevent diseases 	MASA
Raw Animal Wool, Mohair and Scoured Animal Wool/Mohair	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm if product meets international standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety and quality Prevent diseases 	MASA
Hides and Skins	Veterinary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm if 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety 	MASA

	Health Certificate	product meets international standards	and quality • Prevent diseases	
Products derived from bovine blood or blood byproducts intended for pharmaceutical or laboratory use	Veterinary Health Certificate	• Confirm if product meets international standards	• Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases	MASA
Bile salts (for pharmaceutical use only)	Veterinary Health Certificate	• Confirm if product meets international standards	• Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases	MASA
Pet Food	Veterinary Health Certificate	• Confirm if product meets international standards	• Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases	MASA
Other Animals and Animal Products	Veterinary Health Certificate	• Confirm if product meets international standards	• Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases	MASA
Animal and Animal Products	Import Permit	• Confirm if product meets international standards	• Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases	MASA

Source: www.masa.gov.mz

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

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Authority
Plant and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attests phytosanitary status in conformity with the specific regulation ○ Follows the international standards ○ The country of origin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quarantine conformity ○ Control/containment of spread of pests/diseases. 	MASA
Plant and Plant Products	Import Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Import authorization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serves as the official import authorization 	MASA

Genetically Modified Organisms	GMO Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of import and authorization for testing only in Mozambique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Product liability and control 	Ministry Of Science & Technology
Liquor	Import Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Import approval ○ Commodity meets acceptable standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food safety and quality 	Ministry of Trade and Industry (MIC)

Source: www.masa.gov.mz ; www.mic.gov.mz ; www.mctestp.gov.mz

SECTION III: GOVERNMENT EXPORT CERTIFICATE'S 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?	It varies on the type of product	Usually 90 days
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?	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?	It varies	Usually 90 days
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	Yes	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates? Which	No	

certificates? How do you apply?		
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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?	90 days	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?	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?	15 days	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?	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?	One year	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	Yes	If it remains valid
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?	No	

Table 8: Genetically Modified Organisms: 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?	One year	Will be valid while testing is ongoing.
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	Each import is considered one event.
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is testified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates? Which certificates? How do you apply?	No	

SECTION IV: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Certificate of Origin

Mozambique requires that imported goods are accompanied with certificate of origin that must be obtained from the product provider at the local of origin, as per local revenue authority requirements. Mozambique has different agreements with foreign countries, from which certificates of origin are given different import benefits, like SADC and the EU. For more details, the following links can be consulted. www.at.gov.mz www.mcnet.co.mz .

SECTION V: 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	Ministério da Agricultura e Segurança Alimentar (MASA) Praça dos Heróis Moçambicanos, Maputo Caixa Postal: C.P. 1406 Tel. +258 21468200; +258 0000000 Fax +258 214874121 Email: geral@agricultura.gov.mz
Animals and Animal Products	Import Permit	Ministério da Agricultura e Segurança Alimentar (MASA) Praça dos Heróis Moçambicanos, Maputo Caixa Postal: C.P. 1406 Tel. +258 21468200; +258 0000000

		<p>Fax +258 214874121 Email: geral@agricultura.gov.mz http://www.masa.gov.mz/</p>
Plant and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Permit	<p>Ministério da Agricultura e Segurança Alimentar (MASA) Praça dos Heróis Moçambicanos, Maputo Caixa Postal: C.P. 1406 Tel. +258 21468200; +258 0000000 Fax +258 214874121 Email: geral@agricultura.gov.mz http://www.masa.gov.mz/</p>
Plant and Plant Products	Import Permit	<p>Ministério da Agricultura e Segurança Alimentar (MASA) Praça dos Heróis Moçambicanos, Maputo Caixa Postal: C.P. 1406 Tel. +258 21468200; +258 0000000 Fax +258 214874121 Email: geral@agricultura.gov.mz http://www.masa.gov.mz/</p>
Liquor	Import Permit	<p>Ministry of Trade and Industry (MIC) Av. Praça 25 de Junho, 300 Tel: +258 21343500 Fax: +258 21352669 E-mail: mic.@gov.mz http://www.mic.gov.mz/</p>
Genetically Modified Organisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMO Permit • GMO Status Certificate 	<p>Ministério da Ciência, Tecnologia, Ensino Técnico-Profissional Av. Patrice Lumumba, 770 Tel. +258 21352800 Fax +258 21 352860 E-mail: inpeccao@mctesp.gov.mz www.mctestp.gov.mz</p>

APPENDIX I: ELECTRONIC COPY OR OUTLINE OF EACH CERTIFICATE

Post did not find electronic copies or online certificates. The government sites indicate that those are acquired on request.