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**Report Highlights:**

This report documents Angola's technical policies, practices, and import requirements for food and agricultural products. In the absence of a food safety law, Angola follows international Codex Alimentarius standards. This report is designed to be used in conjunction with the 2023 FAIRS Annual Country Report.

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This report was prepared by the office of the Foreign Agricultural Service in Luanda, Angola, 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.**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Angolan import permits are specific to the type of product and the country of origin. It is recommended that exporters contact the listed Angolan certifying authorities in the tables below to receive the latest information regarding obtaining a permit.

### **Animals and Animal Products**

In Angola, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, through the Veterinary Services Institute (known by the Portuguese acronym ISV), is responsible for issuing import permits and veterinary health certificates for the importation of animals and animal products.

Animal Health Law No. 04/04 establishes the general rules governing the production, sanitation, trafficking, import, and export of animals, their products and by-products, and veterinary public health policies throughout Angola.

The animal health law is implemented through Decree No. 70/08, which is not available online. Post can provide the law upon request. The decree establishes the detailed aspects that the law does not specify. It defines the ISV as the body directly responsible for the application of sanitary measures under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The ISV is responsible for the issuance of several certificates, namely: hygiene and sanitary certificates; sanitary licenses to import products and by-products of animal origin; and zoosanitary licenses to import pets.

### **Plant and Plant Products**

Plant Health Law No. 05/21 establishes the general rules that guarantee the phytosanitary protection of agricultural and forestry production, as well as the transport, trade, import, and export of plants, parts of plants, and plant derivatives intended for sale and consumption.

The National Directorate of Agriculture (known by the Portuguese acronym DNA) within the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is responsible for issuing import permits for plants. To request an import permit, it is necessary to send a letter to the DNA National Director, with photocopies of the commercial invoice, the commercial license, and the phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin. DNA accepts health certificates that meet standards set by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

### **Genetically Engineered (GE) Products**

At present, Angola does not allow the use of agricultural biotechnology in production, and imports containing GE ingredients are limited to food aid, but enforcement is constrained by limited resources. In December 2014, the Council of Ministers approved Decree No. 92/04 as a provisional measure pending the establishment of a comprehensive national biosafety system capable of properly controlling the importation, entry, use, and eventual production of GE organisms in the country, but no framework was ever established. Post can share a copy of the decree upon request.

## SECTION I: LIST OF ALL EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY ANGOLA

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

<b>Product</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry</b>
Animals and animal products	Veterinary Health Certificate	Country of origin; country/zone is free from prescribed or notifiable diseases (e.g. BSE, FMD, Anthrax, etc.); required inspections, isolations, treatments, and tests that have been carried out as prescribed; prescribed bedding, fodder, feedstuffs, transportation, and supervision by official veterinary authority	Confirm that the prescribed regulations and conditions have been met  Prevent the introduction of animal diseases into Angola and protect human health	ISV accepts health certificates issued by APHIS.
Animals and animal products	Import Permit	Official permit granting authority to import the specified animal or animal product subject to the prescribed conditions and a valid health certificate; quantity to be imported; port of entry likely to be utilized	Serves as the official authorization and confirmation to import  Angolan importer is responsible for obtaining the import permit	ISV

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

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

<b>Product</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry</b>
Plants and Plant Products	Phyto-sanitary Permit	Inspected according to appropriate procedures; free from quarantine pests and other harmful organisms; compliance with Angolan phytosanitary regulations	Prevent the introduction or spread of quarantine pests and limit the economic impact of regulated non-quarantine pests  Quality control	DNA accepts a health certificate that meets FAO standards
Plants and Plant	Import Permit	Official document authorizing importation of	Serves as the official	DNA

Products		a commodity in accordance with specified phytosanitary measures and other import requirements	authorization and confirmation to import  Angolan importer is responsible for obtaining the import permit	
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Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

## SECTION II: PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE

**Table 3: Animals and Animal Products**

Question	Answer
What is the name of the certificate?	Veterinary Health Certificate
What is the purpose of the certificate?	The certificate confirms that the prescribed regulations and conditions have been met.
Who is requiring the certificate?	ISV accepts a health certificate issued by APHIS.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

**Table 4: Plants and Plant Products**

Question	Answer
What is the name of the certificate?	Phytosanitary Permit
What is the purpose of the certificate?	To prevent the introduction or spread of quarantine pests and limit the economic impact of regulated non-quarantine pests
Who is requiring the certificate?	DNA accepts a health certificate that meets FAO standards.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

## SECTION III: SPECIFIC ATTESTATIONS REQUIRED ON EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Post is not aware of any specific information that needs to be included on the export certificate.

## SECTION IV: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The tables below include some common questions with information about the procedures for obtaining import permits. The Angolan importer is responsible for obtaining the import permit.

**Table 5: Animals and Animal Products - Import Permit**

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	Sometimes document copies have been accepted in the past.
How long is the certificate valid?	60 days	From date of issuance
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	

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 ISV
Will the country derogate export certificates?	Yes	All import permits can only be issued by the Angolan government. Contact details for applications are included in Table 7.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

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

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	Sometimes document copies have been accepted in the past.
How long is the certificate valid?	3 months	From date of issuance
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
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 DNA
Will the country derogate export certificates?	Yes	All import permits can only be issued by the Angolan government. Contact details for applications are included in Table 7.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

## SECTION V: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

### Boarding Certificate

The boarding certificate is the document that allows the shipment of the goods from the country of origin. According to the regulation on the management of sea freight distribution, ship-owners or maritime operators that are registered with the National Shippers Council (CNC) must oblige exporters to obtain shipment certificates at the origin whenever they hold cargoes to or from Angola.

**Table 7: Contact Details of Relevant Certifying Authorities**

Product	Title of Certificate	Requesting Ministry
Animals and Animal products	Import Permit	Veterinary Services Institute (ISV), Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry: Email: <a href="mailto:isvetangola@gmail.com">isvetangola@gmail.com</a>

Plants and Plant Products	Import Permit	National Directorate of Agriculture (DNA), Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry: Tel: (+244) 222-321-429 Email: <a href="mailto:dnapfminader@yahoo.com">dnapfminader@yahoo.com</a>
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Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

**APPENDIX I: DIRECT HYPERLINK, ELETRONIC COPY, SCANNED COPY, OR OUTLINE OF EACH EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

The Government of Angola does not provide electronic copies or online certificates. Some certificates may be acquired by request of the product importer or exporter.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments