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**Report Highlights:**

This report provides information on export certificates and other certification/accreditation required for imported food and agriculture products, including live animals.

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**Executive Summary:**

The Government of Senegal requires a list of official U.S. government export certificates for multiple products including plants, fruits, and vegetables, live animals, day-old chicks, hatching eggs, meat and meat products, and fish and fish products. These certificates are for sanitary, phytosanitary, and food safety purposes. For certain products, a request for plant importation must be submitted to the Directorate of Plant Protection (DPV) prior to shipment for phytosanitary purposes (see [Table I - class "C" and Table II \(in Annex I of the Decree 60-121 SG\)](#)). Senegal only accepts original certificates which should accompany the product at the time of entry and cannot be applied to multiple shipments. Only certificates issued by a competent authority are accepted. Senegal does not apply a waiver for export certificates.

## Section I. List of Export Certificates Required by the Senegalese Government

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Plants, fruits, vegetables, plant parts, seeds, soil, manure, compost, and all packaging used for transportation	Phytosanitary certificate	Plants or plant products have been: Inspected according to appropriate procedures Considered to be free from quarantine pests and practically free from other harmful organisms Considered to be in compliance with the current Senegalese phytosanitary regulations	Phytosanitary	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment
Live animals (e.g., horses, mules and their crosses, bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine, canine, feline, animals of nonpoultry avian species, leparopidae, camels, wild animals and hatching eggs (nonpoultry), semen, ova, and animal embryos)	Veterinary health certificate	Live animals do not present any sign of clinical disease. The certificate is issued according to international guidelines of the <i>World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)</i> by an official veterinarian of the country of export.	Animal health and veterinary oversight	Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production
Day-old chicks (poultry) for breeding	Health Certificate for Exportation of Breeding Chickens and Hatching Eggs	Chicks are free from avian influenza.	Animal health and veterinary oversight	Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production

Hatching Eggs (poultry)	Health Certificate for Exportation of Breeding Chickens and Hatching Eggs	Eggs are disinfected before boarding.	Animal health and veterinary oversight	Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production
Meat and meat products. This applies to fresh or chilled, frozen or flash frozen products.	Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness	-Meat and packages of meat are stamped certifying that they come from animals slaughtered in approved slaughterhouses Meat is declared fit for human consumption Meat was butchered in an approved slaughtering and packing facility Meat satisfies the requirements established by regulations put in force in Senegal related to the safety of meat products.	Food safety	Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production
Fish and seafood products (e.g., fish, seafood, crustaceans, shellfish). This applies to fresh or chilled, frozen or flash frozen products, as well as canned or other processed products.	Export Certificate of Health	Fish and seafood products are safe and wholesome.	Food safety	Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy (MPEM)

## Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

### 1- Certificate name: Phytosanitary Certificate

**Certificate required by:** Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment

**Certificate purpose:** This certificate is for phytosanitary purposes. It attests that goods are free from pests. An original certificate must accompany every consignment, which is for product origin identification and health attestation. This certificate is not required for fruits and vegetables intended for consumption except for those listed in Annex I of the [Decree 60-121 SG](#).

This certificate is required for plants, plant parts, seeds, soil, manure, compost, and all packaging used for transporting products for export to Senegal.

The importer must submit a phytosanitary certificate issued by the competent authority of the country of export to the Ministry of Agriculture border inspectors. If approved, border inspectors will give a phytosanitary certificate issued by the Government of Senegal, which is required for importation. For more information on required documentation as well as the import process, please see the latest [FAIRS Annual Country Report](#).

Senegal has about 10 control posts along its borders to improve monitoring of plant products that enter the country.

In 2014, Senegal adopted the international standard for electronic transmission protocols and procedures for plant health certification (ePhyto). It was developed by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), which is the governing body of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). ePhyto aims to improve the transmission security of certificates (electronic versus paper) and streamline the preparation of arrival and clearance documents for plants and plant products at control posts. Exporting countries which do not use the ePhyto system are permitted to submit paper certificates.

Further information on ePhyto can be obtained from the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) or from the ePhyto page, <https://www.ippc.int/en/ephyto/>.

## **2- Certificate name:** Veterinary Health Certificate

**Certificate is required by:** Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production

**Certificate purpose:** This certificate is for animal health purposes to attest that:

- Animals are healthy and come from a farm free from any recognized contagious disease as per standards established by the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- Hatching eggs were disinfected under official veterinary supervision, and they come from farms where vaccination against listed contagious diseases has been provided (please refer to Art 4 of the [Decree 2002-1094](#) for the list of diseases)
- Animals come from a region not officially declared infected with contagious disease for more than six weeks
- Animals come from farms regularly inspected by an authorized veterinary officer
- Animals are immunized against Rinderpest and Contagious Bovine Peripneumonia (CBPP) for more than 10 days or come from disease-free areas for six months
- Animals of bovine species, their ova and embryos, fresh meat (bone or deboned) and products derived from cattle meat, meal meat and bone meal, and any derived animal feed do not originate from a country where Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) has been reported
- Sheep and goats are immunized with a live vaccine against Rift Valley Fever or Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), or come from disease-free zones
- Canine and feline animals should be accompanied by an International Rabies Vaccination Certificate dated no less than fifteen days or more than one year
- Animals of avian species (non-poultry) have or have not been vaccinated against listed infectious diseases. For vaccinated animals, the date of vaccination and the nature of the vaccine used should be specified

- Bovine, ovine, porcine, and equine semen, ova or embryos come from healthy donors according to standards set by the Terrestrial Animal Health Code for each disease

This certificate is required for live animals (horses, mules and their crosses, bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine, canine, feline, animals of avian species, leparopidae, camels, as well as wild animals and nonpoultry hatching eggs, semen, ova, and animal embryos intended for export to Senegal.

Senegal has approximately ten control posts along its borders to monitor animal and meat products that enter the country.

Importers must submit a veterinary health certificate issued by the competent authority of the country of export and a certificate of origin to Ministry of Livestock border inspectors. If approved, border inspectors will give a zoosanitary certificate issued by the Government of Senegal, which is required for importation. Other documentation may be required. Please work with your importer.

The expected date of entry of exported live animals, including hatching eggs, animal semen, ova and embryos, should be communicated to the veterinary service at least 15 days prior to shipment.

Note: Animals not accompanied by a veterinary health certificate will be quarantined at the border entry and examined for 15 days at the expense of their owners.

### **3- Certificate name:** Health Certificate for Exportation of Breeding Chickens and Hatching Eggs

**Certificate is required by:** Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production

**Certificate purpose:** Animal health and veterinary oversight

For day old chicks for breeding, a health certificate for breeding chickens and hatching eggs for export issued by official veterinary services of the country of export certifying that the chicks are free from avian influenza is required.

For hatching eggs, a certificate of origin and a certificate for breeding chickens and hatching eggs for export issued by official veterinary services of the country of export attesting to the disinfection of eggs before boarding is required. Authorized eggs will be disinfected by the veterinary services in Senegal before their release.

The importer must submit a health certificate for exportation of breeding chickens and hatching eggs issued by the competent authority of the country of export and a certificate of origin to Ministry of Livestock border inspectors. If approved, border inspectors will give an import certificate issued by the Government of Senegal (zoo sanitary certificate for day old chicks or health certificate for hatching eggs), which is required to import day old chicks or hatching eggs. Other documentation may be required. Please work with your importer.

For hatching eggs and old day chicks, an import authorization is also required by the Ministry of Livestock prior to importation. It is delivered by the Directorate of Veterinary Services.

**4- Certificate name:** Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

**Certificate is required by:** Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production

**Certificate purpose:** This certificate is for food safety. The certificate attests that products come from healthy animals and have been prepared, handled and stored according to food safety regulations for meat and meat products of the exporting country.

In addition:

- Meat presented as whole carcass must be marked with the stamp of an approved slaughterhouse
- The packaging of meat and poultry cuts and organ meats must indicate all of the following: 1) slaughter date; 2) name of the approved slaughtering and packing facility; 3) packaging date; and 4) expiration date
- The packaging of prepared or preserved products intended for human consumption must indicate preparation and expiration dates

This certificate is for meat and meat products.

The importer must submit a meat and poultry export certificate of wholesomeness issued by the competent authority of the country of export to Ministry of Livestock border inspectors. If approved, border inspectors will give a health certificate for meat and meat products issued by the Government of Senegal, which is required for importation. For more information on other required documentation as well as the import process, please see the latest [FAIRS Annual Country Report](#).

Since 2005 imports of uncooked poultry meat have been banned by Senegal, but imports of poultry products treated at + 72 °Celsius are accepted in Senegal. Therefore, the accompanying health certificate must clearly state in the title: Export of processed poultry products over 72 ° Celsius. The Ministry of Livestock confirmed verbally with FAS Dakar that they would accept FSIS form 9060-5 with the translation of the fields in French.

**5- Certificate name:** Export Certificate of Health

**Certificate is required by:** Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy

**Certificate purpose:** This certificate is for food safety and notes that the food is safe and wholesome. This certificate is for fish and seafood products, including processed products.

The importer must submit an applicable export certificate of health issued by the competent authority of the country of export and a Preliminary Import Declaration of Halieutic Products (PIDHP) form (completed by the importer/agent) to Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Affairs border inspectors. If approved, border inspectors will give a health certificate for fish and seafood products issued by the Government of Senegal, which is required for importation. For more information on other required documentation as well as the import process, please see the latest [FAIRS Annual Country Report](#).



### **Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)**

For phytosanitary purposes, exporters of products listed in [Table I - class "C" and Table II \(in Annex I of the Decree 60-121 SG\)](#) must submit prior to shipment a request for plant importation to the Directorate of Plant Protection (DPV). This request must include the origin and quantity of the product and the address of the supplier. The exporter must also indicate:

- Whether the goods are seeds, bulbs, tubers, soils, etc., and the name of their varieties
- Whether the goods are intended for sale, personal use, cultivation, manufacturing, consumption or cultivation for sale
- The exact location where the goods will be sold or grown

### **Section IV. Government Export Certificates' Legal Entry Requirements**

All certificates listed in this report must accompany the product at the time of entry and must be originals. A certificate cannot be applied to multiple shipments and Senegal does not accept a Supplier's or Manufacturer's Export Declaration as proof of compliance in place of a certificate issued by a competent authority. Senegal does not require a Certificate of Free Sale and does not accept U.S. state-issued export certificates. All relevant certificates must be from a competent authority. Senegal does not waive export certificates.

### **Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements**

The following products – regardless of the type of preservation used (chilling, freezing, cooking, salting) – will be checked for safety (organoleptic, microbiological etc.) before being allowed entry into Senegalese territory:

- Meat (pork, sheep, beef, horse) and poultry meat (uncooked poultry meat is not eligible for import)
- Ground meat
- Cooked meat
- Meat products (sausages, ham etc.,)
- Prepared meals
- Dehydrated soups
- Poultry meat
- Organ meats (liver, heart, leg, and head of pigs, sheep, cattle and horse; liver, heart, gizzard, and rump of poultry)
- Eggs and egg products, pastries, custards
- Fermented or acidified milk, fermented milk curds (yogurt, kefir), milk jelly, milk powder, cheese, fresh pasteurized cream, ice cream, casein, butter and margarine
- Canned food made from animal products or originating from animals
- Semi-preserved foods made from animal products or originating from animals
- Milk intended for heat treatment or processing
- Honey and wax
- Canned vegetables
- Hides and skins
- Meat meal and poultry meal, feathers
- Animal fat

-Fish and seafood products

For all imported food and agricultural products, the importer or local agent must submit a final invoice or pro forma invoice, certificate of origin, and an applicable import certificate (issued by the border inspector) to the Director of the Division of Consumption and Quality of the Ministry of Commerce to receive an approved Import Declaration for Food Products (DIPA). A DIPA is required to legally import any food or agricultural product and initiate the customs clearance process. The DIPA is valid for two months from the date of signature. Please see the latest [FAIRS Annual Country Report](#) for more detailed information on the import process.

Products listed on Table I Class “B” of [Annex 1 of Decree 60-121 SG](#) can only be introduced in Senegal by the Directorate of Plant Protection Service (DPV).

For fresh meat, chilled or frozen milk, and their derivatives, an analysis showing the presence or absence of residues of antibiotics, artificial radionuclide, anabolic hormone or any other contaminant that may constitute a threat to public health is required.

For milk powder, a non-radioactivity certificate and a certificate of non-contamination of dioxin is required.

Since 2005, Senegal has banned global imports of live poultry including chicks flesh and eggs (tariff position 01-05), uncooked poultry meat and poultry cuts (tariff position 02-07) including fresh egg and egg products intended for consumption (tariff 04-07 and 04-08). Until this ban is lifted, no uncooked poultry meat can be imported into Senegal. Only day old chicks for breeding and eggs for hatching accompanied by a health certificate and certificate of origin can be imported.

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## **Appendix: Senegalese Government-Issued Certificates or Forms for Imported Live Animals, Food, or Agricultural Products**

- Health Certificate for Meat of Domesticated Animals (bovine, bubaline, equine, ovine, caprine, porcine, or poultry)
- Zoo-Sanitary Certificate for Domesticated or Wild Animals (bovine, bubaline, ovine, caprine, or porcine)
  - Phytosanitary Certificate
  - Preliminary Import Declaration of Halieutic Products
  - Import Declaration for Food Products

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR MEAT OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS  
(bovine, bubaline, equine, ovine, caprine, porcine, or poultry)**

Identification of meat

Nature of cuts:

Nature of packaging:

Quantity of cuts or packages:

Net weight:

Date of production:

Expiration date:

Origin of meat

Address(es) and veterinary agreement number(s) of the slaughtering and packing facility(s):

Destination of meat

The meat will be sent from: (place of dispatch) to: (country and place of destination)

- a. Nature and identification of type of transportation:
- b. Name and address of exporter:
- c. Name and address of recipient:

Health attestation

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that:

Meat and packages of meat described above are stamped certifying that they come from animals slaughtered in approved slaughterhouses;

Meat is declared fit for human consumption;

Meat was cut in an approved cutting plant and packing facility;

Meat satisfies the requirements established by the regulations put in force in Senegal relating to the safety of meat products.

Official stamp

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

The official veterinarian (name and address)

Signature

Source: Government of Senegal

**ZOO-SANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR  
DOMESTICATED OR WILD ANIMALS  
(bovine, bubaline, equine, ovine, caprine, porcine, or poultry)**

I. Animal Identification

Species:

Sex:

Age:

II. Origin of animals

Name and address of exporter:

Place of origin of animals:

Quantity:

III. Destination of animals

Country of destination:

Name and address of consignee:

Means of transportation:

Health information

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the animals described above and examined so far:

- a) show no clinical signs of disease
- b) meet the above provisions

Issued in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

The official veterinarian (name and address)

Official stamp

Signature

Source: Government of Senegal

## PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

1. Nom et adresse de l'expéditeur : Name and address of exporter		2. <b>CERTIFICAT PHYTOSANITAIRE</b>  N° :...../.....	
3. Nom et adresse déclarée du destinataire : Declared name and address of consignee		4. Organisation de la protection des végétaux du Sénégal/ Organization of plant protection of Senegal  A organisation des protections des végétaux de/ To plant protection organization(s) of	
6. Moyen de transport déclaré : Declared mean of conveyance		5. Lieu d'origine : Place of origin	
7. Point d'entrée déclaré: Declared point of entry		<b>REPUBLIQUE DU SENEGAL</b> Un peuple-un But- Une Foi <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	
8. Marques des colis. Nombre et nature des colis. Nom botanique des végétaux : Marks of packages. Number and description of packages. Botanical name of plants		9. Nom du produit et quantité déclarée : Name of the product and quantity declared	
10. Il est certifié que les végétaux et produits végétaux et autres articles réglementés décrits ci-dessus Ont été inspectés et/ou testés suivant des procédures officielles appropriées et estimées exempts d'organismes de quarantaines comme spécifié par la partie contractante importatrice ; et qu'ils sont jugés conformes aux exigences phytosanitaires en vigueur de la partie contractante importatrice, y compris à celle concernant les organismes réglementés non de quarantaine. Ils sont réputés pratiquement exempts d'autres organismes nuisibles. - This is to certify that the plants and plant products and others articles regulated described above have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from quarantine pests specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the import contracting party, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests. They are deemed to be practically free from other pests.			
11. Déclaration supplémentaire/ Additional declaration			
TRAITEMENT DE DÉSINFESTATION ET/OU DE DÉSINFECTION : DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT		Lieu de délivrance / Place of issue : /Stamp :	
12. Type de traitement/type of treatment:		Date : Nom du fonctionnaire autorisé :	
13 Produit Chimique (matière active): Chemical (Active Ingredient)	14 Durée et température : Duration and temperature	Name of Authorized officer	
15 Concentration/ Concentration:	16 Date:	Signature:	
17 Renseignements supplémentaires/ Additional Information:		13 Produit Chimique (matière active): Chemical (Active Ingredient)	
		15 Concentration/ Concentration:	

Source: Government of Senegal

## DECLARATION PREALABLE D'IMPORTATION DE PRODUITS HALIEUTIQUES

(Adressée à la Division des Inspections et du Contrôle de la Direction des Industries de Transformation de la Pêche - DIC/DITP)

**IMPORTATEUR :**

N°REF.....DIC/DITP

NOM	N°D'AGREMENT	ADRESSE COMMERCIALE	REFERENCES			TEL/FAX/TELEX/@
			R.C.C.M	NINEA	Carte Imp.Exp	

Importation n° ..... en date du ..... Fournisseur ..... Certificat sanitaire du pays d'origine n°

**MARCHANDISE :** NATURE : Frais  Congelé  Vivant  MOYEN DE TRANSPORT : .....


PRODUITS			Nombre de collis	Poids	DATE		ORIGINE	
Nom commercial	Nom Scientifique	Mode de conditionnement			Date d'expédition	Date d'arrivée	Pays	Zone de capture F.A.O

.....  
de la Division des Inspections et du Contrôle

Dakar, le .....

Signature et cachet de l'importateur

Source: Government of Senegal




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Un Peuple - Un But - Une Foi

**MINISTRE DU COMMERCE, DU SECTEUR INFORMEL,  
DE LA CONSOMMATION, DE LA PROMOTION  
DES PRODUITS LOCAUX ET DES PME**

**DIRECTION DU COMMERCE INTERIEUR**

Division de la Consommation  
et de la Sécurité des Consommateurs




**00 47 4 8 N° 0033995**

**DECLARATION D'IMPORTATION DE PRODUITS ALIMENTAIRES**

(Adressée à la Division de la Consommation et de la Sécurité des Consommateurs - DCSC)  
Mermoz Sud VDN - Lotissement Ecole de Police Dakar - Tél. : 33 825 32 48 - BP 2050

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IMPORTATEUR	ADRESSE CCIALE		REFERENCES			TEL/FAX/EMAILS@
	DÉPÔT	MAGASIN	R.C.	NINEA	Carte Imp.Exp	

Société de transit : \_\_\_\_\_ Nom de l'Agent : \_\_\_\_\_ Facture N° \_\_\_\_\_  
 N° agrément ou crédit : \_\_\_\_\_ en date du \_\_\_\_\_ CI N° : \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adresse : \_\_\_\_\_ Fournisseur \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tél. : \_\_\_\_\_ Phyto n° \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUITS		POIDS TOTAL OU CONTENANCE	PRIX/VALEUR		DATES		PAYS	
Nature	Marque		Prix Unitaire	Valeur Totale	Fabrication	DLV/DLC/DLUO	Origine	Provenance

Visa de la DCSC valant autorisation  
de mise à la vente et à la consommation.

Dakar, le \_\_\_\_\_

Date de délivrance : \_\_\_\_\_

Fin de validité : \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature et cachet de l'importateur*

Le présent document a une durée de validité de deux (02) mois à compter de la date de signature

Source: Government of Senegal

**Attachments:**

No Attachments