Austria

Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report

FAIRS Export Certificate Report 2018

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Report Highlights:
This report covers specific export certificate requirements for Austria, which are different than EU requirements.
export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU market have been harmonized. Austria, as a member of the European Union (EU), conforms to all EU regulations and directives. It is therefore recommended that this report is read in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) export certificate report produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium which you can find in the public FAS GAIN database: http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Lists/Advanced%20Search/AllItems.aspx

EU certification rules of imports are complicated and in practice not always harmonized across EU Member States. The very few products not yet harmonized are subject to Austrian national regulations. The competent Austrian authority has to be consulted on a case-by-case basis to address requirements for non-harmonized products.

Export certificates must be in the official language of Austria, which is German, as well as of the Member State where the border inspection occurs. Certified translations of the certificates into German may be used.

EU food legislation is translated into the all official EU languages in use (including German) and is published in the Official Journal. The Eur-lex website http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm provides free access to European Union laws.

There are no additional Austrian-specific certificates (other than EU certificates) for food products deriving from plants and animals.
The import of special products like blood, blood products, and material containing epizootic pathogens must be approved by the Federal Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Health, and Consumer Protection. Usually the importer (or possibly an exporter) applies to the Ministry with all relevant details. There is no set form for this kind of application. Approval is granted on a case-by-case basis.

**Responsible Authorities for Health Certificates:**

**Food and Animal Products:**

Federal Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Health, and Consumer Protection  
In German: “Bundesministerium für Arbeit, Soziales, Gesundheit und Konsumentenschutz  
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