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Report Highlights:

As a member of the European Union (EU), the Czech Republic implements EU regulations regarding required export certifications. For information on EU export certifications, please see the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards – Certification Report prepared by the United States Mission to the EU in Brussels available at https://gain.fas.usda.gov/#/search.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines specific Czech export certificates. The export certification requirements for most products destined for the European Union (EU) market have been harmonized. The Czech Republic, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. It is therefore recommended that this report is read in conjunction with the <u>Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards</u> (FAIRS) Export Certificate report produced by the U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium which you can find in the public FAS GAIN database.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required by the Government

Export Certification

EU harmonized certificates and information related to trade with commodities subject to veterinary controls are available on-line at the website of the State Veterinary Administration: https://en.svscr.cz/trade-with-vet-commodities/general-information/, under the "Trade with Veterinary Commodities" tab on the left-hand side of the website.

For phytosanitary certificates for products not listed in the EU Plant Directive 2000/29, please contact the State Phytosanitary Administration, which is part of the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture (CISTA). The current contact information for this organization can be found in Appendix I of this document. For current guidance on import procedures and legislation, please refer to the CISTA website at: https://eagri.cz/public/portal/en/ukzuz/import-export/import-from-third-countries

A complete overview of all EU harmonized export certificates, including links to certificates, is provided in the **EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report**. This report also provides links to U.S.

agencies or organizations which issue certificates and references to the EU legislation, which includes model certificates.

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

Veterinary health certificates ensure that animals can be moved safely avoiding the transmission of diseases to either the public or other animals. The EU has a wide range of animal health requirements for products of animal origin to guarantee that imports meet the same standards of production as in member states. Phytosanitary certificates are needed for all plant products that could introduce pests into the EU.

Composite Products to the EU

The EU defines a composite product as a food product containing both processed products of animal origin (dairy, egg, fishery products, or meat products) and products of plant origin. <u>USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) will issue EU composite product certificates</u> for composite products produced at FSIS-regulated facilities and bearing the USDA mark of inspection. AMS Dairy Program will issue the EU composite product certificates for composite products NOT produced in an FSIS-regulated facility and not bearing the USDA mark of inspection, regardless of whether dairy is an ingredient in the composite product.

The new EU requirements for composite products will impact stakeholders who have not been required to obtain an export certificate from AMS Dairy Program in the past. Prior to requesting a certificate from AMS Dairy Program, a new customer will need to establish a USDA level 2 e-authentication account. Go to How to Apply for an AMS Dairy or Composite Product Export Certificate for more information.

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

For additional information on U.S. export certificates for the EU market please search for the latest EU FAIRS Certificate Report in the <u>FAS GAIN database</u> or check out the <u>USEU Trade with the EU</u> website.

Section IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

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Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

Pet birds: In addition to an EU harmonized certificate, it is necessary to request actual requirements information from the State Veterinary Administration. Contact information is listed in Appendix I of this report. Detailed rules for non-commercial movement of pet birds from a territory or third country to the European Union valid as of January 1, 2022, can be found at this link: https://en.svscr.cz/wpcontent/files/trade/Rules_non-commercial_movement_pet_birds_TC_EU_EN_1.1.2022.pdf.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Export Certificates' Outlines

For copies and outlines of the required export certificates please follow the links under Export Certification in Section I. The State Veterinary Administration strongly recommends contacting them for current conditions and requirements prior to exporting animals and animal products to the Czech Republic at int@svscr.cz.

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