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Report Highlights:

This report was revised to reflect all major export certificates and import permits that the government of Nigeria (GON) requires for exporting agricultural and related products from the United States to Nigeria. It also complements the FAIRS – Annual Country Report for Nigeria (2025). Post recommends that prospective exporters read both reports for a better understanding of Nigeria's food and agricultural standards and requirements, export certifications, and permits.

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DISCLAIMER

This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs of the USDA – Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) in Lagos, Nigeria, for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care has been 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 foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods 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

This report summarizes the major export certificates issued by U.S. authorities, and import permits issued by Nigerian authorities, required to export agricultural and related products to Nigeria. The GON requires exporters to have an import permit and veterinary health certificate when exporting animal and animal products to Nigeria. The Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services (DVPCS), under the newly created Federal Ministry of Livestock Development (FMLD) accepts veterinary health certificates issued by the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and export certificate of wholesomeness issue by the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), to issue an animal and animal products import permit. Plant and plant products imported into Nigeria require an import permit issued by the Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service (NAQS), under the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS).

Specific attestations are required for each export certificate. Certifications, test requirements, and embarkation statements are types of specific attestations that should appear on export certificates. All processed food products, beverages, and animal feeds and premixes exported to Nigeria must obtain a certificate of registration from the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC). However, there are exceptions for certain processed food and beverages to enter in limited quantities under NAFDAC's <u>Global Listing of Supermarket Items scheme</u> without this registration. To issue a certificate of registration, NAFDAC accepts certificate of free sale issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and authenticated by the Nigerian Embassy in the United States.

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Agency
Sausage and	Meat and Poultry	The product is fit for	Food safety	DVPCS
similar products	Export Certificate	human consumption.	-	
	of Wholesomeness			
	(FSIS Form 9060-			
	5)			
Bovine embryos	Veterinary Health	The donor animals showed	Animal health	DVPCS
	Certificate for	no critical signs of certain		
	Export of Bovine	diseases on the day of		
	Embryos from the	collection of embryos.		
	United States of	Embryos for export were		
	America to Nigeria	collected, processed, and		
		stored in accordance with		
		standard procedures.		
Bovine semen	Veterinary Health	The donor animals showed	Animal health	DVPCS
	Certificate for Export	no critical signs of certain		
	of Bovine Semen	diseases on the day of		
	from the United	collection of semen. Semen		
	States of America to	for export were collected,		
	Nigeria	processed, and stored in		
		accordance with standard		
		procedures.		
Live cattle	Veterinary Health	The animals showed no	Animal health	DVPCS
	Certificate for Export	critical signs of certain		
	of Domestic or Wild	diseases on the day of		
	Animals of the	shipment and were		
	Bovine Species from	subjected to diagnostic tests		
	the United States of	for certain diseases prior to		
	America to Nigeria	shipment.		
Live sheep and	Veterinary Certificate	The animals showed no	Animal health	DVPCS
goats	for Export of	critical signs of certain		
	Domestic or Wild	diseases on the day of		
	Animals of Ovine or	shipment and were		
	Caprine Species from	subjected to diagnostic tests		
	United States to	for certain diseases prior to		
	Nigeria	shipment.		

SECTION I: EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT

Poultry day-old	International	Day-old poultry	Animal health	DVPCS
chicks and	Veterinary	grandparent stock only		
hatching eggs	Certificate for Day-	comes from an		
	Old Birds and	establishment or a hatchery		
	Hatching Eggs	which satisfies standard		
		requirements and are		
		regularly inspected by the		
		veterinary authority.		
Sheep and goat	Veterinary Health	The donor animals showed	Animal health	DVPCS
embryos	Certificate for	no critical signs of certain		
	Export of Small	diseases on the day of		
	Ruminants (Sheep	collection of embryos.		
	and Goat) embryos	Embryos for export were		
	from the United	collected, processed, and		
	States of America	stored in accordance with		
	to Nigeria	standard procedures.		
Sheep and goat	Veterinary Health	The collection center is	Animal health	DVPCS
semen	Certificate for	approved by APHIS and		
	Export of Small	under the sanitary		
	Ruminant (Sheep	supervision and control of		
	and Goat) Semen	a USDA accredited		
	from the United	veterinarian. The donor		
	States of America	animals were tested for		
	to Nigeria	certain diseases according		
		to WAOH		
		recommendations, with		
		negative results.		
Porcine semen	Veterinary Health	The collection center is	Animal health	DVPCS
	Certificate for	approved by APHIS and		
	Export of Porcine	under the sanitary		
	Semen from the	supervision and control of		
	United States of	a USDA accredited		
	America to Nigeria	veterinarian.		
Plants and plant	Phytosanitary	Attests to the phytosanitary	Phytosanitary	NAQS
products	Certificate	status of the consignment		
		in line with the		
		phytosanitary regulations		
		of Nigeria.		

Processed food	Certificate to a	Attests to the true copy of	Food safety	NAFDAC
products, wines,	Foreign Government	material on file with the		
spirits, and animal	for conventional	U.S. Food and Drug		
feed and premix	foods, food additives,	Administration,		
	food contact	Department of Health and		
	substances, and infant	Human Services		
	formula (Certificate			
	of Free Sale)			

Product (s)	Certificate Name	Required Attestation(s)
Sausage and similar products	Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5)	• The product is from animals that received both ante mortem and postmortem inspection and were found sound and healthy and was inspected and passed as provided by law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and is sound and wholesome.
Bovine embryos	Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Bovine Embryos from the United States of America to Nigeria	 The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, and rift valley fever, without vaccination The embryos of export were produced with semen that meets the import health requirements for imports to the United States, or the World Organization of Animal Health (WAOH) terrestrial animal health code, or the "certified semen services minimum requirements for disease control of semen produced for artificial insemination" or equivalent No clinical sign of Bovine brucellosis, Campylobacteriosis, trichomonosis, <i>M. tuberculosis</i> and bovine anaplasmosis on the day of collection of embryos/oocytes For <i>in vitro</i> produced bovine embryos, the donor females showed no signs of bluetongue virus on day of collection
Bovine semen	Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Bovine Semen from the United States of America to Nigeria	 The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, and rift valley fever, without vaccination The semen for export was collected, processed and stored at an approved semen collection center in a manner that is acceptable to USDA every six months, and is under the supervision of the USDA accredited veterinarian The donor animals were kept in a herd in which no clinical cases of bluetongue virus were officially reported during the two years prior to collection of semen and were subjected to tests with negative results

SECTION II: SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON EXPORT CERTIFICATES(S)

		 The donor animals were kept in a herd free from Bovine brucellosis, showed no clinical sign of Bovine brucellosis on the day of collection, and were not vaccinated against infection with <i>Brucella</i>, and were tested every six months, with negative results The culture of semen and preputial specimens showed negative results for the causal agent of bovine genital campylobacteriosis Culture of semen showed negative results to tuberculin tests carried out annually, and kept in a herd free from bovine tuberculosis Donor animals were kept in a herd in which no clinical cases of infectious Bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR)/infectious Pustular vulvovaginitis (IPV) were officially reported during the 60 days prior to collection of semen The donor animals were kept in a semen collection center where no case of trichomonosis have been reported and were subjected to trichomonosis tests with negative results
Live cattle	Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Domestic or Wild Animals of the Bovine Species from the United States of America to Nigeria	 The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, and rift valley fever, without vaccination The United States is recognized by the WAOH as having negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy risk The United States is free of pseudorabies (Aujeszky's disease) in commercial swine The cattle were either born and raised in the United States or were legally imported into the United States at least three months prior to shipment The cattle were isolated for at least 30 days immediately prior to shipment, in a facility approved by a USDA approved veterinarian The animals will receive visual veterinary inspection within 48 hours of export by an APHIS veterinarian and found free of evidence of contagious disease The animals showed no clinical signs of anthrax, vesicular stomatitis virus, bovine brucellosis, bovine

		tuberculosis, IBR/IPV, trichomoniasis, and bovine
		anaplasmosis during isolation and on the day of shipment
Live sheep and goats	Veterinary Certificate for Export of Domestic or Wild Animals of Ovine or Caprine Species from United States to Nigeria	 The animals showed no clinical sign of anthrax, foo and mouth disease, ovine epididymitis, arthritis/encephalitis, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, and sheep pox or goat pox on the day of shipment The animals were subjected, with negative results, t a serological test to detect antibody to the bluetongu group according to WAOH terrestrial manual of diagnostic tests and vaccines and remained in quarantine till shipment
		 Were kept in rift valley fever free country or zone since birth or at least for 30 days prior to shipment and if the animals were exported from a free zone either did not transit through an infected zone during transportation to the place of shipment or were protected from mosquito attack at all times when transiting through an infected zone The animals come from a flock free from caprine arrovine brucellosis and were isolated for 30 days prior to shipment and all animals in isolation were tested for infection with brucella within that period with negative results Have remained since birth or for the previous two years, in establishments where no enzootic abortion of ewes has been diagnosed during the past two year The flock of origin had no cases of scrapie disease i the last seven years prior to export
Poultry-day-old chicks and	International Veterinary Certificate	 The birds show no clinical sign of diseases The birds come from establishments and/or
hatching Eggs	for Day-Old Birds and Hatching Eggs	hatcheries which are regularly inspected by the veterinary authority
		• Have not been vaccinated against infectious bursal disease or were vaccinated against infectious bursal disease (the nature of the vaccine used, and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the certificate)
		 Were vaccinated against Marek's disease (the nature of the vaccine used, and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the certificate) The hirds some from establishments free from evice
		• The birds come from establishments free from aviar

		• • •	mycoplasmosis and from hatcheries which comply with the standards The birds come from establishments and/or hatcheries which are recognized as being free from fowl typhoid and pullorum disease Have not been vaccinated against bronchitis or were vaccinated against bronchitis (the nature of the vaccine used, and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the certificate) Have not been vaccinated against fowl cholera or were vaccinated against fowl cholera or were vaccinated against fowl cholera (the nature of the vaccine used, and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the certificate) Day-old chicks come from country where non vaccination against notifiable avian influenza (NAI, H5 and H7) is a national policy and the poultry were kept in an NAI free country, zone or compartment since they were hatched The poultry were derived from parent flocks which had been kept in an NAI free country, zone or compartment for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of the collection of the eggs The day-old birds come from hatcheries situated in a Newcastle disease free country, zone or compartment Neither the day-old poultry nor their parents were vaccinated using a modified live virus vaccine for Newcastle disease. If parents were vaccinated against Newcastle disease using a vaccine complying with the standards described in the terrestrial manual, the nature of the vaccine used, and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the certificate
Sheep and goat	Veterinary Health	•	The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease
embryos	Certificate for Export of Small Ruminants (Sheep and Goat) embryos from the United States of America to Nigeria		without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, peste des petites ruminants, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and rift valley fever, in accordance with the WOAH terrestrial animal health code The embryos were collected, processed and stored in accordance with chapter 4.8 of the WAOH terrestrial animal health code The embryo donor animals were tested according to recommendations in the WOAH manual of diagnostic tests and vaccines for terrestrial animals,

recommendations in the WOAH manual of diagnostic tests and vaccines for terrestrial animals, with negative results for bluetongue virus, <i>Brucella</i> <i>ovis</i> , <i>Brucella melitensis</i> , and <i>Chlamydia abortus</i> (for sheep only)	Sheep and goat semen	Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Small Ruminant (Sheep and Goat) Semen from the United States of America to Nigeria	diagnostic tests and vaccines for terrestrial animals, with negative results for bluetongue virus, <i>Brucella</i> <i>ovis</i> , <i>Brucella melitensis</i> , and <i>Chlamydia abortus</i> (for sheep only)
Certificate for Export of Porcine Semen from thedisease on the day of collection of the semen• Donor animals were kept in an establishment or		Porcine Semen from the	disease on the day of collection of the semen

	America to Nigeria	 USDA stage V status as free of Aujeszky's disease at the time of semen collection Donor animals have been kept for at least four months prior to semen collection in an artificial insemination center which has had no clinical cases of Aujeszky's disease for the previous 12 months and where all boars are subjected to a serological test to the whole Aujeszky's disease virus, with negative results, every four months The semen was collected, processed and stored in accordance with the WOAH
Plants and plant products	Phytosanitary Certificate	 Plants and plant products have been inspected and/or tested according to official procedures. Products are free from pests and diseases of concern Products conform to the current phytosanitary regulations of Nigeria
Processed food products, wines, spirits and animal feed and premix	Certificate to a Foreign Government for conventional foods, food additives, food contact substances, and infant formula (Certificate of Free Sale)	 The product(s) described on the certificate and the manufacturing/processing facility where it is produced are subject to the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration. The product(s) may be marketed in and legally exported from the United States at the time. The manufacturing/processing facility in which the product(s) is produced is subject to periodic inspections. The last such inspection showed that the facility, at that time, appeared to be in substantial compliance with U.S. requirements for the listed product(s)

Title of	Does the	Can the	Will the country	Does it have to	Comments
Certificate	original	certificate be	accept a U.S.	come from a	
	certificate need	applied to	Supplier's or	federal/compet	
	to accompany	multiple	Manufacturer's	ent authority?	
	the product?	shipments?	Export		
	r	I	Declaration?		
Animal and	No. Forward to	Yes, only if the	No	Yes	Validity
Animal Products	DVPCS before	certificate captures	1.0	1.00	varies;
Veterinary	the date of	the details of the			usually valid
Health	shipment.	shipment such as			for three
Certificates	sinpinent.	batch number.			months.
Phytosanitary	Yes	No	No	Yes	Validity
Certificate	105	110	110	105	varies.
Certificate of	No. Original copy	No	No	Yes	The
Free Sale	is uploaded on	110		1 69	certificate
File Sale	NAFDAC's				must be
	automated				authenticated
	products administration				by the
					Nigerian
	and monitoring				Embassy in
	system.				the United
					States.
Certificate of	Yes	Yes, of same	No	Yes	Certificate is
Registration		product within the			issued by
		shelf life of the			<u>NAFDAC</u> .
		certificate.			NAFDAC's
					certificate of
					registration is
					valid for five
					years.
Animal and	Yes	Yes, only if the	No, but supplier's	Yes	Validity
Animal Products		veterinary	declaration may		varies;
Import Permits		certificate captures			usually valid
		the details of the	requirement.		for three
		shipment.			months.
					Issued by
					DVPCS
Quarantine	Yes	No	No	Yes	Validity
Permit of Entry					varies based
					on quantity,
					but can be up

SECTION III: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

					to one year.
					Issued by
					<u>NAQS</u>
Fish Import	No	Yes	No	Yes	Valid for one
Permit					year. Issued
					by the Federal
					Department
					of Fisheries,
					Federal
					Ministry of
					Marine and
					Blue
					Economy

SECTION IV: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE MARKET ENTRY

Title of Certificate	Other certification/accreditation requirements to ensure market entry		
Down of Attorney or	An applicant must submit a new on of ottomers on contract menufacturing		
Power of Attorney or	An applicant must submit a power of attorney or contract manufacturing		
Contract	agreement from the manufacturer authorizing the Nigerian representative to act		
Manufacturing	in their capacity in Nigeria. The director or president of the company must sign		
Agreement	this document and state the names of the products to be registered or imported		
A	into Nigeria. It must also state the ownership of the brand names/trademark of		
Applies to:	the product and should be notarized by the notary public in the country of the		
Processed food	manufacturer (<u>https://www.nafdac.gov.ng/wp-</u>		
products (whether of	content/uploads/Files/Resources/Guidelines/R_and_R_Guidelines/IIMPORTS/		
plants or animal	Guidelines-for-the-Registration-of-Imported-Food.pdf)		
origin), wines, and			
spirits, animal feed			
and premix			
Convention on	• Apply for import permit to the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO),		
International Trade	Department of Veterinary and Pest Control Services.		
in Endangered	• Obtain import/export permit for wildlife subject to the acquisition of		
Species of Wild	CITES permit from the Federal Ministry of Environment.		
Fauna and Flora	• Notify NAQS of import permit details.		
(CITES)	• Notify NAQS of the arrival date.		
	• The <u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service processes</u> applications to export, re-		
Applies to:	export, import, or introduce from the sea CITES-listed species into or out		
CITES listed species	of the United States.		
Certificate of Analysis	The certificate of analysis must be presented on letterhead of the quality control		
	laboratory where the sample was tested or evaluated, and it should contain the		
Applies to:	following.		
Processed food	• The analysis of the product or goods		
products (whether of	• The batch number of the product		
plants or animal	• The manufacturing and expiration dates		
origin), wines, and	• The name, designation, and signature of the analyst		
spirits, animal feed			
and premix			

The applicant should declare that the information submitted is true and correct.
Information on the name, position and signature of the applicant, product
particulars should be type-filled in the notarized declaration and should be dated,
signed, and stamped by a notary public in Nigeria.
A letter of invitation to inspect the factory abroad shall be written by the
manufacturer and shall state the following:
• Manufacturer Information: Name of the company, full location address of
the factory, email address and current phone number, the name of contact
person overseas, telephone number, email address. Name of airport closest
to the location and guide map illustrating the shortest land/air route to the factory overseas.
• Local Agent's Information: Name of the company, full location address and telephone number, fax number, and email address. Name(s) of the
product(s) for registration, name and mobile phone number of the contact
person in Nigeria.
Upon satisfactory documentation, permit is issued for the product(s) to be
registered and for sample vetting by NAFDAC upon registration.

Radiation Monitoring

Attestation of radioactivity is not required.

APPENDIX I: DIRECT HYPERLINK, ELECTRONIC OR SCANNED COPIES OF EACH EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Certificate Name	
Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5)	Download
Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Bovine Embryos from the United States of America to Nigeria	Download

Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Bovine Semen from the United States of America to Nigeria	Download
Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Domestic or Wild Animals of the	Download
Bovine Species from the United States of America to Nigeria	
Veterinary Certificate for Export of Domestic or Wild Animals of Ovine or	<u>Download</u>
Caprine Species from United States to Nigeria	
International Veterinary Certificate for Day-Old Birds and Hatching Eggs	Download
Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Small Ruminants (Sheep and	Download
Goat) embryos from the United States of America to Nigeria	
Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Small Ruminant (Sheep and	Download
Goat) Semen from the United States of America to Nigeria	
Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Porcine Semen from the United	Download
States of America to Nigeria	
Certificate to a Foreign Government for conventional foods, food additives,	Sample Certificate
food contact substances, and infant formula (Certificate of Free Sale)	

APPENDIX II: INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPORTERS OF FDA REGULATED PRODUCTS CERTIFIED BY OTHER AGENCIES

NAFDAC is Nigeria's regulatory authority that regulates and controls the importation of packaged, processed, and semi-finished food products and beverages which are mostly regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Exporters should follow NAFDACE guidelines available on their website.

Attachments:

No Attachments