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This report provides an overview of Vietnam's certification requirements for imported food and agricultural products. As of May 2025, there have been no significant changes in Vietnam's certification requirements following an ongoing restructuring of the Government of Vietnam.

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**Abbreviated terms for easy reference:**

- AMS (Agricultural Marketing Service)
- APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)
- COA (Certificate of Analysis)
- CFS (Certificate of Free Sale)
- FDA (Food and Drug Administration)
- FSIS (Food Safety and Inspection Service)
- GDVC (General Department of Vietnam Customs)
- GVN (Government of Vietnam)
- MAE (Ministry of Agriculture and Environment)
- MOF (Ministry of Finance)
- MOH (Ministry of Health)
- MOIT (Ministry of Industry and Trade)
- NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
- PPPD (Plant Production and Protection Department)
- VFA (Vietnam Food Administration)

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Post also notes that this report may not cover the regulations released after May 2025 by the Government of Vietnam (GVN). Should U.S. exporters have any questions, please contact [aghanoi@usda.gov](mailto:aghanoi@usda.gov)

## **Executive Summary**

Vietnam's certification requirements for imported food and agricultural products are regulated under several key laws, including the Food Safety Law, the Law on Quality of Goods and Products, the Law on Animal Health and the Law on Plant Health and Quarantine.

Starting March 1, 2025, the new Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (MAE), formed by merging the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), officially began operations. Following the restructuring, MAE has reorganized its two departments responsible for import licensing and inspection, the Animal Health and Production Department (DAHP) and the Plant Production and Protection Department (PPPD). These agencies continue to implement existing certification requirements as they remain effective.

## Section I. List of Export Certificates Required by the Government of Vietnam and Products Covered

### 1.1. Export Certificates are required for food and food ingredients

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
<b>Food and food ingredients</b>				
Pre-packaged processed food (including food ingredients)	Certificate of Analysis	See Section 2.2 for required attestation	Food Safety	Ministry of Health (MOH)/ Vietnam Food Administration (VFA)
Genetically engineered (GE) food	Certificate of Free Sale or Health Certificate	See Section 2.1 for required attestation	Food Safety	MOH/VFA
Irradiated food	Certificate of Free Sale or Health Certificate	See Section 2.1 for required attestation	Food Safety	MOH/VFA
Health supplements	Certificate of Free Sale <sup>1</sup> , Certificate of Exportation or Health Certificate	See Section 2.1 for required attestation	Food Safety	MOH/VFA
Medical foods, food for special dietary uses	Certificate of Free Sale, Certificate of Exportation or Health Certificate	See Section 2.1 for required attestation	Food Safety	MOH/VFA
Dietary products for children up to 36 months	Certificate of Free Sale, Certificate of Exportation or Health Certificate	See Section 2.1 for required attestation	Food Safety	MOH/VFA
<b>Meat and Poultry</b>				
Pork and pork	Export	See Section 2.4 for	Food Safety	Ministry of

<sup>1</sup> See Section II.1 for details.

products, including pork offal	Certificate - FSIS Form 9060-5	required attestation		Agriculture and Environment (MAE)/ Department of Animal Health and Production (DAHP)
	Certificate of Origin	See Section 2.3 for required attestation	Origin of Products	Ministry of Finance (MOF)/ Vietnam General Directorate of Customs (GDVC)
Poultry and poultry products, including poultry offal	Export Certificate - FSIS Form 9060-5	See Section 2.4 for required attestation	Food Safety	MAE/DAHP
	Certificate of Origin	See Section 2.3 for required attestation	Origin of Products	MOF/GDVC
Beef, bone-in and boneless, and offal products	Export Certificate - FSIS Form 9060-5	See Section 2.4 for required attestation	Food Safety	MAE/DAHP
	Certificate of Origin	See Section 2.3 for required attestation	Origin of Products	MOF/GDVC
<b>Egg products</b>	Export Certificate - FSIS Form 9060-5EP	See Section 2.5 for required attestation	Food Safety	MAE/DAHP
<b>Dairy products</b>				
Dairy products for <b>human consumption</b>	AMS Sanitary Certificate	See Section 2.6 for required attestation	Food Safety	MAE/DAHP
<b>Seafood</b>				
Fishery products intended for human consumption	NOAA Health Certificate	See Section 2.7 for required attestation	Food Safety	MAE/DAHP
Live aquatic animals	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Export Certificate	See Section 2.7 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP

<b>Plants</b>				
Plants and plant products	APHIS Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 577	See Section 2.8 for required attestation	Plant Health	MAE/ Department of Plant Production and Protection (PPPD)
Processed products of plants	APHIS Export Certificate PPQ Form 578	See Section 2.8 for required attestation	Plant Health	MAE/PPPD

## 1.2. Export Certificates are required for animal products, feeds and feed ingredients

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required on Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry</b>
<b>Animal Products</b>		See Section 2.10 for required attestation		
Dairy products for <b>animal feed</b>	APHIS Export Certificate	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Rendered Meals: Poultry or Porcine Meals	APHIS Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Feathers -processed	APHIS Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Slaughter collection)	APHIS Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Live Collection)	APHIS Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Porcine Bone-Derived Gelatin	APHIS Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Bovine Bone-Derived Gelatin	APHIS Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Gelatin Derived from Hides and/or Skins	APHIS Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
<b>Feeds</b>				
Single feed ingredients	Certificate of	See Section 2.2 for	Quality	MAE/DAHP

	Analysis	required attestation	Examination	
Supplemental feeds	Certificate of Free Sale or equivalent certificate	See Section 2.1 for required attestation	Quality Examination	MAE/DAHP
	Certificate of Analysis	See Section 2.2 for required attestation	Quality Examination	MAE/DAHP
Pet food	APHIS Export Certificate	See Section 2.10 for required attestation	Quality Examination	MAE/DAHP
<b>Live Animals</b>				MAE/DAHP
Bovine embryos	APHIS Health Certificate	See Section 2.9 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Bovine semen	APHIS Health Certificate	See Section 2.9 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Breeding cattle	APHIS Health Certificate	See Section 2.9 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Swine	APHIS Health Certificate	See Section 2.9 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Swine semen	APHIS Health Certificate	See Section 2.9 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP
Sheep and goats	APHIS Health Certificate	See Section 2.9 for required attestation	Animal Health	MAE/DAHP

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

### 2.1. Certificate of Free Sale

Vietnam requires a Certificate of Free Sale (CFS) to verify that the products are legally sold or distributed in the market of the country of origin. The CFS should be granted by a competent authority in the country of origin. The original CFS or a notarized/legalized copy of the document can be provided. According to Decree 69/2018 guiding the Law on Foreign Trade, Vietnam requires that a CFS include the following information:

- Name of agency or organization issuing the CFS.
- Number and date of issuance of the CFS.
- Name of products or goods for which the CFS is granted.
- Type or group of products or goods for which the CFS is granted.
- Name and address of the manufacturer.
- The CFS must clearly state that the products or goods are manufactured and allowed to be sold freely in the market of the producing country or the CFS issuing country.
- Full name, signature of the person signing the CFS and the stamp of the agency or organization issuing the CFS.

Depending on the type of commodity, a CFS can be issued in the United States by a number of federal, state, and city government offices, as well as non-profit organizations. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides an electronic application system for CFS (titled “Certificate of Export to a Foreign Government”) for conventional food, including food additives and seafood. Further information is available at:

<https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/ImportsExports/Exporting/ExportCertificates/ucm260280.htm>

On June 22, 2020, FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) launched a new online system that enables exporters of animal food to apply for, track, and receive export certificates electronically. Effective January 1, 2021, CVM no longer issues Certificates of Free Sale on paper. Exporters can access these certificates online and print them on their own:

<https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/import-exports/apply-animal-food-and-drug-export-certificates-online-cvm-ecats>

In addition to the FDA, State Departments of Agriculture can issue a CFS for exports. The directory of contacts within State Departments of Agriculture who issue export certification documents is available at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/certificate-free-sale-point-contact-list>

## **2.2. Certificate of Analysis**

Vietnam requires a Certificate of Analysis (CA) issued by accredited laboratories or Ministry-registered laboratories in the self-declaration dossier to prove the compliance of product specifications with relevant national technical regulations on food/feed safety and quality. The CA must be issued within 12 months from the date of self-declaration and an original or notarized/legalized copy of the document should be provided.

## **2.3. Certificate of Origin**

Vietnam Customs requires a Certificate/Proof of Origin (C/O) for meat, livestock, and poultry products. The following information must be included in the C/O:

- Name of exporter;
- Name of importer;
- Means of transport;
- Goods description, codes of goods [HS codes];
- Quantity, weight, or volume of goods;
- Countries, groups of countries or territories of origin;
- Date of issuance; and
- . Signature of the person in charge of issuing C/O.

## **2.4. Export Certificate for Meat and Poultry**

The U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) provides updated guidance specifically for Vietnam on FSIS Form 9060-5 Export Certifications of Wholesomeness for Meat and Poultry in the [FSIS Export Library](#). As of December 21, 2020, FSIS includes the attestations required by Vietnam for meat and poultry products on FSIS Form 9060-5B, rather than on a separate FSIS letterhead certificate. Both Form 9060-5 and Form 9060-5B are generated electronically via the Public Health Information System (PHIS), featuring the name and title of the FSIS public health veterinarian, along with a digital signature applied on the date of issuance.

Starting from May 16, 2022, digitally signed FSIS Form 9060-5 is printed on plain paper instead of security paper, as per: [FSIS Notice](#).

Please note that Vietnam accepts only export certificates that list Vietnam as the original country of destination. Vietnam does not accept the replacement of export certificates for shipments initially sent to other countries and then diverted to Vietnam.

## **2.5. Export Certificate for Egg Products**

Vietnam accepts the FSIS Export Certificate Form 9060-5EP for egg products. Requirements for exporting processed egg products are available on the [FSIS Export Library](#).

## **2.6. Sanitary Certificate for Dairy Products**

Vietnam requires the AMS Sanitary Certificate for shipments of dairy products destined for human consumption. Exporters must ship products destined for human consumption using the AMS Sanitary Certificate, signed and dated by the appropriate regulatory authority prior to the date of shipment as it appears on the bill of lading. Exporters should apply for an AMS certificate in time to have it signed prior to the product ship date. Certificates signed with a date after shipping will not be accepted by the competent authorities in Vietnam.

## **2.7. Export Health Certificate for Seafood**

Seafood processors or exporters must be approved and listed on the DAHP's list of eligible establishments for export to Vietnam. Once approved, a seafood establishment must request an Export Health Certificate from their local NOAA Fisheries Seafood Inspection Program (SIP). for every shipment to Vietnam.

Currently, NOAA Health Certificate contains both public health and animal health attestations. Starting February 1, 2022, NOAA implemented and endorsed a new Export Certificate with updated animal health certification statements to reflect the aquatic animal health management practices in the United States.

More information on NOAA Health Certificate is available at:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/seafood-commerce-trade/export-requirements-country-and-jurisdiction-n-z#vietnam>

Post notes that Vietnam does not require pre-listing for U.S. exporters for the export of raw materials to Vietnam for export processing. However, shipments for export processing must be accompanied with the NOAA Certificate of Inspection for raw materials intended for re-export to EU.

Vietnam also accepts Health Certificate for live aquaculture issued by APHIS. The certificate must indicate the origin of aquaculture and the intended use of aquaculture. More information on APHIS Health Certificate for live aquaculture is available on [APHIS's website](#).

## **2.8. Phytosanitary Certificate**

Vietnam requires phytosanitary certificates to confirm that imported plants and plant products meet specified phytosanitary import requirements and have been inspected by the relevant plant health authority of the exporting country. Vietnam outlines the list of articles subject to plant quarantine in Circular 30/2014 and specifically defines the List of Harmonized System (HS) codes for plants and plant products subject to quarantine. This list was recently updated in Appendix I, Section 9 of MARD's Circular 1/2024 ([VM2024-0003](#)), which includes plants, plant products, and various pre-packaged and processed food products of plant origin.

APHIS is the sole agency responsible for issuing export certificates for plants and plant products. It uses a single certificate format - Form PPQ 577- for all plants and plant products. APHIS inspectors attest to the specific requirements mandated by Vietnam by making additional declarations on the export certificate. Since early 2022, APHIS has also used Form PPQ 577 for processed products of plant origin that are eligible for certification.

## **2.9. Health Certificate for Live Animals**

Vietnam requires health certificates with specific requirements for live animals. More information is available on the APHIS's website: [Vietnam - Summary of Requirements for Live Animals](#). Below is the list of current APHIS protocols for live animals exported to Vietnam.

- Cattle
  - Bovine - Embryos - Protocol - December 2005
  - Bovine - Semen - Protocol - January 2023
  - Cattle - Breeding - Protocol - June 2012
- Swine
  - Swine - Protocol - December 2000
  - Swine - Semen - Protocol - May 1998
- Sheep and Goats
  - Sheep and Goats - Sample Health Certificate - October 2020

## **2.10. Export Certificate for Products of Animal Origin**

Vietnam requires export certificates with specific requirements for animal-origin products. Export certificates for Vietnam MUST BE endorsed PRIOR to the shipping (bill of lading) date. Vietnam is

rejecting ALL animal product shipments where the export (health) certificate is dated AFTER the date of shipment of the product. Currently, Vietnam accepts the Export Certificate VS Form 16-4 endorsed by APHIS for products of animal origin.

On April 4, 2023, APHIS has informed the transition of Export Certificate VS Form 16-4 from the MAR 2010 version of to the revised JUL 2022 version. After June 4, 2023, APHIS will stop endorsing the MAR 2010 version. The revised JUL 2022 form continues to include additional declarations for animal-origin products required by DAH.

Below is the current list of APHIS's protocols for products of animal origin exported to Vietnam. More information is available at [APHIS's website](#).

- Blood Products
  - Bovine blood-live animal - September 2012
  - Bovine blood-slaughter collection - September 2012
  - Fetal bovine serum - September 2012
- Dry Pet Food - April 2023
- Feathers - processed - June 2021
- Gelatin Products
  - Bovine bone-derived gelatin - January 2017
  - Hide/skin derived gelatin (bovine or porcine) - September 2012
  - Porcine bone-derived gelatin - September 2012
- Rendered Meals: Poultry (including Feather Meals) and Porcine Meals
  - General Information - June 2015
  - Export Certificate (VS Form 16-4) for Poultry or Porcine Meals - June 2015

### **Section III. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements**

- Export Certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry.
- In general, the export certificate is only valid for a single consignment of products.
- In most of the cases, Vietnam accepts a U.S. State-issued Certificate of Free Sale.
- Vietnam does not accept manufacturers and suppliers' export declaration for food and agricultural products. Export Certificates are required to be issued by relevant U.S. regulatory agencies according to agreements with Vietnam.

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

### **4.1. Quarantine Import Permit for Animals and Animal Products**

DAHP requires a Quarantine Import Permit (QIP) prior to the importation of animals and animal products, meat and poultry, and seafood. Importers must submit the quarantine registration form to DAHP. Within five working days of receiving a valid dossier, based upon the disease situation in Vietnam and the exporting country, DAHP will grant the Quarantine Permit, and notify the importer of the quarantine authority responsible for conducting the quarantine process for the shipment.

### **4.2. Quarantine Import Permit for Plants and Plant Products**

PPPD requires a Plant Quarantine Import Permit prior to the importation of plants and plant products included on the list of articles subject to pest risk analysis. Importers must submit an application indicating the origin and quantity of the consignment to PPPD. Within 15 days of receiving a valid dossier, PPPD will either grant the Plant Quarantine Import Permit or notify importers of the refusal of quarantine through a written announcement.

### **4.3. Radiation Monitoring**

Vietnam has no requirements on attestation of radioactivity for food and agricultural products imported from the United States.

## Appendix I. Links for Each Export Certificate

Certificate Name	Available at
Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness Form 9060-5	<a href="#">FSIS website</a>
Egg Product Export Certificate Form 9060-5EP	<a href="#">FSIS website</a>
Export Certificate for Animal Products VS Form 16-4	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Health Certificate for Export of Live Aquatic Animals from the United States to Vietnam	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Export Certificate for Dairy Products for Human Consumption	<a href="#">AMS website</a>
Export Certificate for Gelatin products	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Export Certificate for Blood products	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Export Certificate for Poultry or Porcine Meals	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Health Certificate for Cattle	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Health Certificate for Swine	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Health Certificate for Sheep and Goats	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Export Certificate for Dry Pet Food	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Export Certificate for Feathers - Processed	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
Phytosanitary Certificate Form PPQ 577	<a href="#">APHIS website</a>
FDA Certificate of Free Sale	<a href="#">FDA website</a>
FDA Certificate of Exportability	<a href="#">FDA website</a>

**Attachments:**

No Attachments