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Report Highlights:

As a member of the European Union, France implements EU regulations for the import of animal and plant products. The US export certification requirements for most products are harmonized at the EU level; however, a few products, which are not yet harmonized across the EU, are still subject to French national regulations.

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All certificates must be in the official language of France, therefore all certificates must be either bilingual (French / English) or, if the original U.S. certificate is in English only, it must be accompanied by a certified translation in French.

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Executive Summary

As a member of the European Union (EU), France implements EU regulations for the import of products of food and feed, animals, and plants products which are harmonized between the Member States of the European Union (EU). The EU's regulations applicable to imports include specific model certificates with pre-defined attestations on animal, plant, public health, or on the quality specifications of a product.

Most of the certificates required by the EU as a condition for entry are issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

This report accompanies the 2024 [EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report | E42024-0031](#), the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#) and the [France Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Annual Report | FR2024-0007](#) prepared by the USDA Office at the U.S. Mission to the European Commission (USEU) and the USDA FAS Paris office. For additional information on US export certifications for the EU market, please refer to the USEU USDA/ FAS website: <http://www.usda-eu.org/reports/>

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required by Government (Matrix)

As a member of the European Union, France implements EU regulations for the import of products of animal and plant origin. **Export certification requirements for most products destined for the French market are therefore harmonized at the EU level.** For more information on export certifications for the EU / French market, please refer to the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

All certificates must be in the official language of France, therefore all certificates must be either bilingual (French / English) or, if the original U.S. certificate is in English only, it must be accompanied by a certified translation in French.

Section II. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificates

Products of animal origin

As a member of the European Union, France implements EU regulations for the import of products of animal origin. Export certification requirements for products of animal origin destined for the French market are therefore harmonized at the EU level. For more information on export certifications for the EU / French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Composite Products

EU Regulations [EC 853/2004](#), [EC 2017/625](#) and [EC 2022/2292](#) describe entry conditions for composite products. A composite product is defined as a food product containing both processed products of animal origin (dairy, egg, fishery products, or meat products) and products of plant origin. Please refer to [Appendix II](#) for detailed information.

Products Subject/Not Subject to Veterinary Checks and Certification

The list of animal origin products subject to official controls at EU border posts was updated in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/632](#). All consignments to be presented at the border control posts (BCP) must undergo documentary checks. Identity and physical checks are carried out at a frequency depending on the risk linked to the specific animals or goods. The criteria to determine and modify the frequency of rates are established by the Commission.

Section III. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

Whenever the EU publishes model veterinary certificates for use by eligible third country suppliers, U.S. regulatory agencies will cross-out or delete any statement that refers to health situations that are not relevant to the United States. Certificates for plants and plant products are issued by APHIS inspectors, who attest to the specific requirements of EU legislation with the necessary declarations in the space provided on the phytosanitary certificate.

Section IV. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements to Ensure Market Entry

For products that are subject to French national regulations (i.e. not yet harmonized at the EU level), please refer to the FAS Paris [France Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Annual Report | FR2024-0007](#). Please note that import requirements are subject to change. U.S. exporters are encouraged to work closely with their importing partners to verify the latest requirements for non-harmonized products. Imported products must meet existing EU Member State requirements and all products must be accompanied by the proper certification documentation at port of arrival. In general, health certificates are required for all imported products of animal origin and phytosanitary certificates are needed for all plant products that could introduce pests into the EU. In France, food safety remains the primary responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty.

Inquiries on import requirements should be addressed (in French) to the

Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation, Direction Générale de l'Alimentation
Service d'inspection vétérinaire et phytosanitaire aux frontières (SIVEP)
Sous Direction des Affaires Sanitaires Européennes et Internationales (SDASEI)
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Tel : +33(0)1 49 55 81 74 Fax : +33 (0)1 49 55 83 14
Email : import.dgal@agriculture.gouv.fr

A database of import regulations is available (in French) at:

<https://teleprocedures.franceagrimer.fr/impadon/>

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

A. APHIS Certificates for Animals and Genetics

For more information on APHIS certificates for live animals and genetics for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#) .

B. APHIS Certificates for Animal Products

For more information on APHIS certificates for animal products for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#) .

C. FSIS Certificates for Meat, Poultry, Egg Products

For more information on FSIS certificates for meat, poultry and egg Products for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Transit Certificates

For more information on transit certificates for products that physically enter France / the European Union without being released on the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Ineligible Products - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

For more information on ineligible products - HPAI, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

D. AMS Certification for Dairy

For more information on AMS certification for dairy for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

E. AMS Certification for Eggs and Egg Products

For more information on AMS certification for Eggs and Egg Products for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

F. AMS Certification for Honey

For more information on AMS certification for honey for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

G. AMS Certification for Seeds for Sprouting

For more information on AMS certification for seeds for sprouting for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

H. NOAA Certificates for Seafood

For more information on NOAA certification for seafood for the French market, please refer [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

For additional information on exporting seafood to the EU, consult the [U.S. Commercial Service Guide for How to Export to the EU](#) or contact stephane.vrignaud@trade.gov.

I. FSIS or AMS Certification for Composite Products

For more information on FSIS or AMS certification for composite products for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

J. FDA Certificates

For more information on FDA certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

J. Pedigree and Zootechnical Certificates

For more information on pedigree and zootechnical certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

K. APHIS Plant Health Certificates

For more information on APHIS plant health certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

L. Other Plant Certificates

For more information on other plant certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Appendix II: Instructions for Exporters of FDA Regulated Products Certified by Other Agencies

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. EU Regulations [EC 853/2004](#), [EC 2017/625](#) and [EC 2022/2292](#) describe entry conditions for composite products.

[USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service \(FSIS\) will issue EU composite product certificates](#) 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 [USDA Agricultural Marketing Service \(AMS\) Dairy Program](#) is the designated U.S. Agency to issue EU composite product certificates for products that are NOT produced in an FSIS-regulated facility and therefore do not bear the mark of a USDA inspection. AMS is authorized to issue EU composite certificates even when dairy is not 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.](#)

For shelf stable products not containing dairy or meat, a U.S. Government issued certificate is not required. For these products, the importer must simply declare that the goods meet the relevant EU requirements, using the “Private Attestation” model form in Annex V of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2235](#).

For more information on composite product Certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Dairy to the EU

USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is the certifying agency for [EU export certificates for dairy products](#) regulated by FDA. For more information, contact DairyExportsQuestions@usda.gov. In order to obtain an EU Health Certificate, the manufacturers must have their final production, blending, and/or packing facility listed on the [List of EU approved facilities maintained on the European Commission website](#). Exporters should check whether they have been included in this list. Exporters may apply for inclusion on these lists through the FDA Export Listing Module (ELM). Please visit [Online Applications for Export Lists](#) for a link to this electronic system and step-by-step instructions.

For more information on dairy product certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Dairy to Other Export Markets

The Agricultural Marketing Service’s Dairy Program is responsible for issuing dairy export certificates accepted by most countries. Information on these certificates can be [obtained through this website](#). The Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issues export certificates for a limited number of countries including Albania, Australia, Georgia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Suriname, and Ukraine. Information regarding APHIS export certificates can be [obtained through this website](#).

For more information on dairy product certification for other markets, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Eggs and Egg Products

In the egg sector, USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) is the certifying agency for export certificates for egg products regulated by FDA. The AMS Livestock, Poultry and Seed Division is responsible for the EU export certificates for the food products containing eggs or egg products that are regulated by FDA. In addition to shell eggs, FDA-regulated egg products include hard boiled eggs, cooked omelets, frozen egg patties, imitation egg products, egg substitutes, noodles, cake mixes, freeze-dried products, dietary foods, dried no-bake custard mixes, egg nog mixes, acidic dressings, mayonnaise, milk and egg dip, foods containing egg extracts, French toast, sandwiches containing eggs or egg products, and balut and other similar ethnic delicacies. For more information on jurisdiction overlap for commercial products regulated by either or both FDA and USDA, please refer to the

[FDA/USDA jurisdictional chart](#) (Exhibit 3-1). U.S. exports of eggs and egg products to the EU are subject to establishment listing requirements as a precondition for market access. Establishments may apply for inclusion on these lists via the Export Listing Module (ELM). Please visit Online Applications for Export Lists for a link to this electronic system and step-by-step instructions. [List of EU approved facilities maintained on the European Commission website](#).

For more information on eggs and egg products certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Seafood

The EU export health certificate is required by the EU Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection and attests to the safety of fish and fishery -- both wild and aquaculture -- products shipped to the EU. U.S. exports of seafood products to the EU are subject to establishment listing requirements as a precondition for market access. Establishments may apply for inclusion on these lists via the [Export Listing Module \(ELM\)](#). Please visit Online Applications for Export Lists for a link to this electronic system and step-by-step instructions. Please note that the EU will only accept export certificates signed after an establishment has been added to the list published on the [EC website](#) and the list has entered into force. Once listed, U.S. establishments may contact National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Seafood Inspection Program to request export certificates for U.S. seafood exports to the EU Prior to exporting, industry should consult the EC's EU List of Approved Establishments External Link Disclaimer to verify that the establishment from which they intend to export is listed. These certificates must be requested and issued prior to shipment of the product. [Follow this link to submit a request online](#).

For more information on seafood product certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Honey to the EU

The European Union (EU) has listed the United States as a country eligible to export honey to the European Union provided honey producers meet their program requirements. Under the program, domestic U.S. companies must adhere to specific requirements for each shipment destined to a EU member country. The [USDA Agricultural Marketing Service outlines specific requirements for U.S. honey shipped to EU markets](#) related to Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Point (HAACP) planning, recordkeeping, testing, sampling, as well as labeling requirements in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and that the product(s) have been handled and where appropriate, prepared, packaged, and stored in a hygienic manner in accordance with the requirements of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 ([these regulations can be downloaded from the following link](#)).

For more information on honey certification for the French market, please refer to the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#).

Seeds for Sprouting to the EU

USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) is the certifying agency for seeds for sprouting regulated by FDA. See: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/content/usda-announces-seed-sprouting-export-certification-program>

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Appendix III: Related FAS Reports

This report accompanies the 2024 [EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report | E42024-0031](#), the 2024 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42024-0034](#) and the [France Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Annual Report | FR2024-0007](#) prepared by the USDA Office at the U.S. Mission to the European Commission (USEU) and the USDA FAS Paris office. For additional information on US export certifications for the EU market, please refer to the USEU USDA/ FAS website: <http://www.usda-eu.org/reports/>

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