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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, feed, animals, plants, and animal and plant products which are harmonized between the Member States (MS) of the 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 2025 [EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report | E42025-0004](#), the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#) prepared by the USDA Office at the U.S. Mission to the European Commission (USEU) and the [2025 France Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Annual Report | FR2025-0014](#) prepared by the USDA FAS Paris office.

## 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 | E42025-0026](#).

**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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

### 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

For more information on Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## 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 | FR2025-0014](#). 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:

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)  
251 rue de Vaugirard 75352 Paris cedex 15 France  
Tel : +33(0)1 49 55 81 74 Fax : +33 (0)1 49 55 83 14  
Email : [import.dgal@agriculture.gouv.fr](mailto:import.dgal@agriculture.gouv.fr)

## 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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#) .

### B. APHIS Certificates for Animal Products

For more information on APHIS certificates for animal products for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#) .

### 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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

### 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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

### Ineligible Products - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

For more information on ineligible products - HPAI, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## D. AMS Certification for Dairy

For more information on AMS certification for dairy for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## 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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## F. AMS Certification for Honey

For more information on AMS certification for honey for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## 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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## 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 | E42025-0026](#).

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](mailto: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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## J. FDA Certificates

For more information on FDA certification for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## J. Pedigree and Zootechnical Certificates

For more information on pedigree and zootechnical certification for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## K. APHIS Plant Health Certificates

For more information on APHIS plant health certification for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## L. Other Plant Certificates

For more information on other plant certification for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

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

FDA regulated products covered by this section include dairy products, honey and other apiculture products, egg and egg products regulated by the FDA, composite products regulated by the FDA, and seafood.

For each of these products, the exporter needs to assess whether they must obtain a health certificate to accompany shipments sent to the EU. Exporters should be aware that NOAA issues the health certificates required by the EU for seafood. AMS issues the health certificates required by the EU for the other product groups.

In addition, the exporter will have to check whether the animal origin ingredient or product supplier is listed on the appropriate EU approved establishment list in TRACES. The handling of the listing process, whereby companies are included in the list of EU approved establishments, remains under the responsibility of FDA.

Products not needing controlled temperatures during transport may not require a U.S. Government-issued certificate. Most animal origin ingredients must be sourced from EU approved establishments listed in TRACES. Animal ingredient suppliers in the United States will have to work with the FDA to be listed. Consignments shipped to the EU must rely on a private declaration from the importer to convey information regarding the establishment where the animal product ingredient is sourced. This will not be conveyed as part of a U.S. government certificate.

### Seafood

The EU export health certificate attests to the safety of fish and fishery - both wild and aquaculture - and is required by the EU Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection. 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 [European Commission website](#) and only when 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. 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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## Dairy to the EU

AMS is the certifying agency for [EU export certificates for dairy products](#) regulated by FDA. For more information, contact [DairyExportsQuestions@usda.gov](mailto: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 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## Honey and Other Apiculture Products to the EU:

The EU requires a Chapter 45 certificate with public health attestations for imports of the following apiculture products intended for human consumption: honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis, or pollen imported under the Harmonized System (HS) code headings 0409, 0410, 1212, 1521, and 1702.

Exporters of these products should contact [SCIinspectionoperations@usda.gov](mailto:SCIinspectionoperations@usda.gov) to obtain a Chapter 45 certificate.

The EU also requires establishments that produce (process, bottle, or pack) honey or other apiculture products exported to the EU to be registered in [TRACES](#) as approved establishments. Further information may be found on FDA's website here: <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-export-lists/honey-and-other-apiculture-export-lists> and in USDA FAS's [GAIN report](#).

Composite products (see below) containing apiculture products as an ingredient fall outside the scope of the Chapter 45 certificate.

For more information on honey certification for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## Eggs and Egg Products

In the egg sector, 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, noodles, cake mixes, 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 following website: <https://www.fda.gov/media/172542/download>

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. When plant ingredients are added to egg products, exporters should consult the below section on composite products.

For more information on eggs and egg products certification for the French market, please refer to the 2025 [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## Composite Products to the EU

The EU defines a composite product as a food product containing both processed products of animal origin and products of plant origin. This section only concerns composite products regulated by FDA; it does not concern composite products produced at FSIS-regulated facilities bearing the USDA mark of inspection.

EU legislation distinguishes three categories of composite products: (1) non-shelf stable composite products, (2) shelf stable composite products that contain meat products, and (3) shelf stable products that do not contain meat products. These three products have different [entry requirements](#).

The EU requires composite product certificates for all non-shelf stable products and for shelf stable products with a meat ingredient.

All composite product certificates are available from [ATLAS](#) and managed by the AMS Dairy Program, irrespective of the ingredients in the final product. 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 [AMS Dairy Program – EU Dairy and Composite Product Certification Programs | Agricultural Marketing Service](#) for additional information.

In 2025, changes are being implemented to the certificates for composite products that contain a processed honey or apiculture product ingredient and for composite products that contain gelatin or collagen derived from ruminant bones. For composite products containing gelatin or collagen derived from ruminant bones, the approval number from establishment list on [TRACES gelatin](#) or [TRACES collagen](#) must be indicated in the certificate. Composite product certificates for products containing processed honey or apiculture products must also indicate the establishment registration number from the appropriate TRACES list. All certificates issued after November 19, 2025 must include this information. For further information from FDA, please see FDA's website: <https://www.fda.gov/food/exporting-food-products-united-states/food-export-lists> , or contact FDA at: [hfpexportcertification@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:hfpexportcertification@fda.hhs.gov) .

Shelf-stable composite products that do not contain meat do not require an export certificate. If the product contains animal ingredients of animal origin, the EU importer will have to complete and sign a private attestation. In the attestation, they must provide the TRACES establishment number for the ingredient of animal origin. Since the introduction of the establishment listing for honey and apiculture products, MS have also requested this information in the private attestation for the processed honey ingredient.

For more information on composite product Certification for the French market, please refer to the [2025 EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual | E42025-0026](#).

## Appendix III: Related FAS Reports

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### **Attachments:**

No Attachments