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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

This report provides an overview of the health and quarantine certificates needed for exporting food and agricultural products to Vietnam. Minor updates have been made to Section I.2 for animal and animal products; Section I.3 for meat and meat products; Section I.4 for aquatic animals and products thereof; and Section I.5 for irradiated plant products. No other changes have been made from the previous report.

Report Summary

A variety of certificates are required by the Government of Vietnam (GVN) in order to export food and agricultural products to Vietnam. Generally, in order to be eligible for import, all processed food items (of both animal and plant origin) need to be registered under the Announcement of Conformity (AC) with Regulations on Food Safety with the competent authority, such as the Ministry of Health (MOH). Certificates of HACCP, ISO22000, or equivalent, certificates of free sale, and certificates of analysis are required for the registration of AC. Animal and plant health certificates are required for the importation of animals and animal products and plant and plant products, respectively. In particular, U.S. exports of meat and meat products and live aquatic animals for consumption in Vietnam require specific export certificates that have been negotiated and agreed upon by U.S. and Vietnamese authorities.

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Abbreviated terms for easy reference:

- GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices)
- HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points)
- ISO (International Standards Organization)
- MOH (Ministry of Health, Vietnam)
- VFA (Vietnam Food Administration)
- MARD (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam)
- DAH (Department of Animal Health, Vietnam)
- PPD (Plant Protection Department, Vietnam)
- DLP (Department of Livestock Production, Vietnam)
- NAFIQAD (National Agro-Forestry-Fishery Quality Assurance Department, Vietnam)
- APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States)
- FSIS (Food Safety and Inspection Service, United States)
- AMS (Agricultural Marketing Service, United States)
- DOC (Department of Commerce, United States)
- NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States)
- USFWS (United States Fish and Wildlife Service).
- CFS (Certificate of Free Sale)
- FBOs (Food Business Operators)
- USDEC (United States Dairy Export Council)

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

1) Food

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate/Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
<p><i>*The certificates listed below are required for the registration of the Announcement of Conformity (AC) with Technical Regulations which needs to be carried out by importers in advance of the first importation of the product to Vietnam.</i></p>			
Food (for which Vietnam has technical regulations)	Law on Food Safety and Decree 38/2012/ND-CP MOH/VFA	Certificate of HACCP, ISO22000, or equivalent	
		Certificate of Analysis ¹	FDA
Food (for which Vietnam does not have technical regulations)	Law on Food Safety and Decree 38/2012/ND-CP MOH/VFA	Certificate of Analysis	
		Certificate of HACCP, ISO22000, or equivalent	FDA
Functional food and micronutrient fortified food	Law on Food Safety and Decree 38/2012/ND-CP MOH/VFA	Certificate of Free Sale ² , Health Certificate, or equivalent	
		Certificate of Analysis	
		Certificate of HACCP, ISO22000, or equivalent	FDA
Genetically Engineered (GE) and irradiated food	Law on Food Safety and Decree 38/2012/ND-CP MOH/VFA	Certificate of Free Sale, Health Certificate, or equivalent	
		Certificate of Analysis	
		Certificate of HACCP or ISO22000, or equivalent	FDA

¹A Certificate of Analysis is not required in cases where an importer has results of the Certification of conformity to technical regulations granted by a certification body.

² See Section II for details.

2) Animals and animal products

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate/Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
<i>The following certificates are required to register for a quarantine or food safety inspection prior to or on the arrival date of a shipment.</i>			
Bovine embryos	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Health Certificate for export of bovine embryos	APHIS
Bovine semen		Health Certificate for export of bovine semen	APHIS
Breeding cattle		Health Certificate for export of breeding bovine	APHIS
Swine		Health Certificate for export of swine	APHIS
Swine semen		Health Certificate for export of swine semen	APHIS
Dairy products	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Health/Export Certificate	AMS
		Certificate of HACCP, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), or equivalent	AMS
Rendered Meals: Poultry or Porcine Meals	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products"	APHIS
Blood products			
Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Slaughter collection)	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products"	APHIS
Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Live Collection)	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products"	APHIS
Gelatin			
Porcine Bone-Derived Gelatin	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products"	APHIS

Bovine Bone-Derived Gelatin	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, “Export Certificate for Animal Products”	APHIS
Gelatin Derived from Hides and/or Skins	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, “Export Certificate for Animal Products”	APHIS

3) Meat and meat products

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate/Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
Pork and pork products	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT	Export Certificate-FSIS Form 9060-5	FSIS
Pork offal	MARD/DAH	Export Certificate-FSIS Form 9060-5 and the FSIS Letterhead Certificate for Pork Offal Export to Vietnam	FSIS
Poultry and poultry products	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Export Certificate-Form 9060-5 and the FSIS Letterhead Certificate for Poultry and Poultry Products, including Poultry Offal for Export to Vietnam	FSIS
Beef, bone-in and boneless, and offal products		Export Certificate- FSIS Form 9060-5 and the FSIS Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Beef Meat, Including Bone-In and Boneless, and Offal Products to Vietnam.	FSIS
Protein-free beef tallow	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Export Certificate -FSIS Form 9060-5	FSIS

4) Aquatic animals and products thereof

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate/Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
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The following certificates are required for the registration of quarantine or food safety inspection prior to or on

<i>the arrival date of a shipment.</i>			
Live aquatic animals (for human consumption)	Circular 4/2015/TT- BNNPTNT	Health Certificate for export of live aquatic animals from U.S. to Vietnam	APHIS/NOAA
Seafood	Circular 26/2016/TT- BNNPTNT	Export Health Certificate	NOAA
		HACCP Certificate or equivalent	NOAA

5) Plants and plant products

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate /Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
<i>The following certificates are required for the registration of quarantine inspection prior to or on the arrival date of a shipment.</i>			
Plants and plant products	Circular 33/2014 MARD/PPD	Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 577	APHIS
GM plants for feed/food use	Circular 33/2014 MARD/PPD	Phytosanitary Certificate	APHIS
Processed plant products ³	Circular 33/2014 and Decision 2515 MARD/PPD	Export Certificate PPQ Form 578	APHIS
Irradiated plant products	Circular 33/2014 MARD/PPD	Phytosanitary Certificate	APHIS
<i>The following certificates are required for the registration of food safety inspection prior to or on the arrival date of a shipment.</i>			
Irradiated plant products	Circular 12/2015 MARD/PPD	Certificate of Free Sale	

³ Refer to Section II for the list of processed plant products eligible for a Processed Plant Products Export Certificate (PPQ Form 578).

6) Animal Feed

Animal Feed	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate /Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
<i>The following certificates are required for the application for an import permit.</i>			
Animal feed/Feed ingredients	Circular 50/2014/TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DLP/DOF	Certificate of Free Sale	
		Certificate of Analysis ⁴	
		GMP, HACCP, and ISO or equivalent certificate (if any)	
		Power of attorney by the manufacturer	
<i>The following certificates are required for the application for a quality inspection prior to or on the arrival date of a shipment.</i>			
Animal feed/Feed ingredients	Circular 50/2014 MARD/DLP/DOF	Certificate of Analysis	

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

Certificate of Free Sale

Certificates of Free Sale (CFS) are requested by Vietnam’s competent authorities to verify that products are safe for consumers’ health and produced in accordance with food safety regulations. The CFS should be granted by a competent authority in the country of origin, indicating the name of commodities, classification of commodities, date of issuance, name and address of manufacturer, reference number of certificate, and the name and address of the organization/competent authority issuing the certificate. The original CFS or a notarized/legalized copy of the document can be provided.

Depending on the type of commodity, the CFS is 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 for conventional food, including food additives and seafood.

In addition to 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 such as a CFS is available at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/certificate-free-sale-point-contact-list>.

⁴ Vietnamese competent authorities accept a Certificate of Analysis issued by animal feed manufacturers which are HACCP/GMP/ISO certified, or equivalent.

Certificate of Analysis

A Certificate of Analysis (CA) is required by Vietnam's competent authorities to verify the compliance of product specifications with relevant Vietnamese technical regulations on food safety and quality. The CA should be issued within 12 months of the date of production and an original or notarized/legalized copy of the document should be provided.

MOH's Vietnam Food Administration (VFA) accepts Certificates of Analysis issued by:

- A laboratory designated by a state competent authority of an exporting country; or
- An independent accredited laboratory; or
- A laboratory of the origin country approved by a Vietnamese competent authority.

Export/Health Certificate

Vietnam imposes a number of import requirements for animals and animal products. Export certificates should include additional attestations based on the model certificates accepted by DAH and signed by U.S. officials. The U.S. agencies involved in issuing these certificates are the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and the NOAA Fisheries Seafood Inspection Office (SIP).

For meat, meat products, and seafood, Vietnam maintains lists of approved establishments based on submissions from individual U.S. Food Business Operators (FBOs) and U.S. government agencies. Only those products approved for export to Vietnam processed at approved establishments may enter Vietnam. Approved establishments may also be subject to Vietnamese inspection. The lists of FBOs approved for exporting food of animal origin are available on [NAFIQAD's website](#).

Phytosanitary Certificates

A Phytosanitary Certificate is requested to indicate that imported plant and plant products meet specified phytosanitary import requirements and are inspected by the relevant plant health authority of the exporting country. Unlike veterinary certificates, there is only one model certificate for all plant products. APHIS inspectors issue phytosanitary certificates and can attest to specific requirements based on Vietnamese regulations by making additional declarations on the Certificate.

Certificate for Processed Plant Products

APHIS publishes the [List of Commodities eligible for a Processed Plant Products Export Certificate](#) (PPQ Form 578) and the [List of Commodities ineligible for any type of PPQ certification](#) on their [website](#).

However, it should be noted that MARD broadly defines the List of articles subject to plant quarantine in Circular 30/2014 and then specifically defines the List of Harmonized System (HS) codes of products

subject to plant quarantine in Decision 2515. This List includes various pre-packaged, consumer-oriented, and highly-processed food products of plant origin, many of which are included in APHIS's List of Commodities ineligible for PPQ certification.

FAS-Vietnam continues to work closely with PPD to clarify the detailed interpretation of which products are subject to plant quarantine and to seek enforcement that minimizes the impact on the trade of agricultural products from the United States. Should U.S. exporters receive information about changing or new requirements for plant origin products from Vietnamese importers they should not hesitate to contact aghanoi@fas.usda.gov to inform Post of the situation and help gauge the impact that these increasingly strict requirements are having on trade.

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

1) Export Certificate for Meat and Meat Products

Please refer to the FSIS Export Library for current export requirements on meat and meat products: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting_products/export-library-requirements-by-country/Vietnam

All exporters that wish to export meat and poultry products to Vietnam must complete an Appendix 3 template of "Circular 25". Exporters should work closely with importers and with industry - organizations such as the U. S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) and the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council (USAPEEC) for assistance in obtaining the Appendix 3 format. The Appendix 3 must be submitted to U.S. Embassy Hanoi staff at the following e-mail address: usda4circ25@gmail.com. Exporters who wish to ship new products to Vietnam that are not yet registered must resubmit a revised Appendix 3 indicating the facility's desire to ship those additional products to Vietnam.

A warehouse is not required to register, however all product exported from a warehouse must be sourced from a facility or facilities on NAFIQAD's list. The Exporter must work with the importer to ensure all establishments from where the product is sourced, appear on the NAFIQAD list.

All FSIS export certificates accompanying the product must be signed by a FSIS Veterinarian. The Veterinary Degree (DVM or equivalent) must be indicated after the signature.

The following FSIS export certificates are required:

A. For poultry and poultry products, including offal: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and the [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#) for Poultry and Poultry Products, including Poultry Offal for Export to Vietnam.

B. For beef meat, including bone-in and boneless, and offal products from cattle less than 30 months of age slaughtered before March 27, 2015: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and the [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#) for the Export of Beef Meat, Including Bone-In and Boneless, and Offal Products to Vietnam.

C. For beef and beef products from cattle of any age slaughtered on or after March 27, 2015: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and the [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#) for the Export of Beef and Beef Products (including Bone-in and Deboned Beef and Beef Offal Products) to Vietnam from Cattle Slaughtered in the United States.

D. For protein-free beef tallow: include the following certification statement in the "Remarks" section of the FSIS Form 9060-5: "The protein-free tallow covered by this certificate has been tested for content of insoluble impurities with the results below 0.15 percent in weight." This certification statement will be included on the export certificate based on the presentation of a certificate issued by an independent laboratory report (not belonging to the exporter and/or the manufacturer).

E. For pork and pork products: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness.

F. For pork Offal: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5 Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and the [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#) for Pork Offal Export to Vietnam.

2) Export Health Certificate for Seafood

All exporters that wish to ship seafood to Vietnam must also complete the Appendix 3 template of "Circular 25". Once approved and listed on the NAFIQAD website, firms must request an Export Health Certificate from their local NOAA Fisheries SIP. Products will be lot-inspected prior to certification if the firm is not a participant in the HACCP Quality Management Program (QMP) program with SIP. The certificate must accompany every shipment to Vietnam and indicate the name of the producer on the list.

For seafood exported from the U.S. for reprocessing and export, the statement "Product is destined for reprocessing and export." should be included on the certificate.

More information is available at: <http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/pdfs/vietnam.pdf>.

3) Export Certificate for Gelatin products derived from Hides and/or Skins

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) "Export Certificate for Animal Products."

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the "Additional Declarations" section of the VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010). These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; animal species of origin must be identified as either porcine or bovine in statement #1; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #2).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The gelatin was prepared exclusively from [insert bovine or porcine] hides and skins.

2. The product is of U.S. origin and is intended for [**insert intended end use, e.g., pharmaceutical use-human; pharmaceutical use-animal; food-human consumption; food- animal consumption**].

4) Export Certificate for Porcine Bone-Derived Gelatin

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012). These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #4).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [**manufacturer/exporter**] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product was derived from healthy swine that were subjected to slaughter inspection in official establishments under the control of the competent authority.
2. The product was manufactured exclusively from the bones of swine.
3. The product was processed in a manner to ensure destruction of microbiological pathogens of concern.
4. The product is of U.S. origin and is intended for [**insert intended end use, e.g., pharmaceutical use-human; pharmaceutical use-animal; food-human consumption; food- animal consumption**].

5) Export Certificate for Bovine Bone-Derived Gelatin

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012). These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; the pertinent section of #3 should be used, including a description of “the equivalent or better process” if (b) is used; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #4).

The United States has been officially recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as a country having a negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk status.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [**manufacturer/exporter**] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product was derived from the bones of healthy cattle that were subjected to slaughter inspection in official establishments under the control of the competent authority.
2. The product was manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations, including exclusion of skulls and vertebral columns from cattle over 30 months of age from raw materials used to manufacture the product.

3. The bones from which the product was manufactured were subjected to (a) a process that includes degreasing, acid demineralization, acid or alkaline treatment, filtration, and sterilization at >138 degrees C for a minimum of 4 seconds; or (b) an equivalent or better process in terms of infectivity reduction, such as high-pressure heating. **[Use only the pertinent section. If (b) is used, describe the equivalent or better process.]**

4. The product is of U.S. origin and is intended for **[insert intended end use, e.g., pharmaceutical use-human; pharmaceutical use-animal; food-human consumption; food- animal consumption]**.

6) Export Certificate for Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Live Collection)

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012). These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; specific blood product or derivative must be identified in statement #1; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #2).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from **[manufacturer/exporter]** verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The certified products are of U.S. origin and are **[insert type of blood product, e.g., whole blood; serum; plasma; <blood derivatives> such as albumin or globulin]**.

2. The products are intended to be used for **[insert intended end use, e.g., in-vitro laboratory or diagnostic purposes]**.

3. The products were manufactured from bovine blood or one of its components or derivatives.

4. The blood used in the manufacture of the products was derived from cattle determined to be clinically healthy at the time of blood collection.

5. The products were manufactured in a facility approved by the competent authority and meet the requirements of the United States for domestic sale and use.

6. The products were manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations intended to ensure that they are unlikely to transmit disease agents, including transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs).

7. Adequate precautions were taken following processing to prevent product contamination with microbiological pathogens.

7) Export Certificate for Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Slaughter Collection)

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012), “Export Certificate for Animal Products.” These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; specific blood product or derivative must be identified in statement #1; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #2).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The certified products are of U.S. origin and are [**insert type of blood product, e.g., whole blood; serum; plasma; <blood derivatives> such as albumin or globulin**].
2. The products are intended to be used for [**insert intended end use, e.g., in-vitro purposes (laboratory/diagnostics); animal feed**].
3. The products were manufactured from bovine blood or one of its components or derivatives.
4. The blood used in the manufacture of the products was derived from healthy cattle subjected to slaughter inspection in an official establishment under the control of the competent authority.
5. The animals from which the blood was derived were not subjected to a stunning process, prior to slaughter, with a device injecting air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process.
6. The products were manufactured in a facility approved by the competent authority and meet the requirements of the United States for domestic sale and use.
7. The products were manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations intended to ensure that they are unlikely to transmit disease agents, including transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs).
8. Adequate precautions were taken following processing to prevent product contamination with microbiological pathogens.

8) Export Certificate for Poultry or Porcine Meals

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company/manufacturer] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product [identify type of product, e.g., poultry byproduct meal or feather meal] is of U.S. origin and is intended to be used in aqua, poultry, and swine feeds, as well as pet food.
2. The product was manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations and meets the requirements of the United States for domestic sale and use in animal feed.
3. The product was subjected to a heat treatment at a minimum temperature of 118 degrees C (245 degrees F) for a minimum of 40 minutes; or a continuous hydrolyzing process at a minimum temperature of 122 degrees C (250 degrees F) for a minimum of 15 minutes with a minimum pressure of

55 lbs/square inch, or an equivalent method (describe if alternate method is used) to achieve commercial sterilization.

4. The product was manufactured using processing times and temperatures adequate to destroy microbiological pathogens of concern, including Salmonella, avian influenza, and Newcastle disease viruses, and result in a product fit for animal consumption.
5. The product was manufactured under sanitary conditions, including precautions to prevent contamination of the product with pathogenic agents following processing.
6. The product does not contain ruminant ingredients.

9) Health Certificate and HACCP Certificate for Dairy Products

Since November 2012, the GVN accepts the AMS Sanitary Certificate for shipments of dairy products destined for human consumption. Exporters are encouraged to ship products destined for human consumption using the AMS Sanitary Certificate, signed and dated by the appropriate regulatory authority prior to the shipment leaving port. The U.S. Dairy Export Council advises exporters to apply for a 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.

10) Health Certificate for Live Aquatic Animals

MARD's DAH allows for a Health Certificate for export of live aquatic animals issued by one of the U.S agencies listed below:

- APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)
- NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association)

Vietnam is also beginning to allow the importation of live seafood species from the United States provided a very strict quarantine regime is followed. The only species currently imported into Vietnam is American lobsters (*Homarus americanus*). Normally, NOAA will only issue an Export Health Certificates for live lobsters to Vietnam with the following statement: "Product is destined for reprocessing and export", but this is beginning to change as more importers receive the special import permits for domestic consumption.

When exporting live aquatic animals for consumption, please check with FAS-Vietnam and importers for the list of live aquatic animals approved for import for human consumption.

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

- a. The original export certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry.
- b. In general, the export certificate is only valid for each consignment of products.
- c. In most of the cases, Vietnam accepts a U.S. State issued Certificate of Free Sale and export certificates.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

Quarantine Import Permit for Animals and Animal Products

MARD/DAH requires a Quarantine Import Permit (QIP) issued by DAH prior to the importation of animals and animal products, poultry and meat, and seafood. Importers are required to submit the quarantine registration form to DAH. Within five working days of receipt of a valid dossier, based upon the disease situation in Vietnam and the exporting country, DAH shall grant the Quarantine Permit, and notify the importer of the quarantine authority that will conduct the quarantine process for the subject shipment.

Quarantine Import Permit for Plants and Plant Products

MARD/PPD requires a Plant Quarantine Import Permit issued by PPD prior to the importation of plant and plant products which are included on the list of articles subject to pest risk analysis. Importers are required to submit the application dossier indicating the origin and quantity of consignment to PPD. Within 15 days of receipt of a valid dossier, PPD shall grant the Plant Quarantine Import Permit; or notify importers of the refusal of quarantine by a written announcement.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Certificate Name	Available at
Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness Form 9060-5	FSIS website
Letterhead Certificate for Poultry and Poultry Products, including Poultry Offal	FSIS website
Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Beef Meat, including Bone-In and Boneless, and Offal Products	FSIS website
Letterhead Certificate for Pork Offal	FSIS website
Export Certificate for Animal Products VS Form 16-4	APHIS website
Health Certificate for Export of Bovine Semen	APHIS website
Health Certificate for Export of Live Aquatic Animals from the United States to Vietnam	APHIS website
Health Certificate for Export of Breeding Cattle	APHIS website
Export Certificate for Dairy products	APHIS website
Export Certificate for Gelatin products	APHIS website
Export Certificate for Blood products	APHIS website
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