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### Canada

# Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards – Export Certification

## **FAIRS Export Certificate Report**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

The report identifies export certificates issued by U.S. government authorities to comply with Canadian import standards and regulations or to attest those products subject to U.S. government regulation. This report serves as a supplement to the Food and Agricultural Importation Regulation Narrative Report (FAIRS/CA16058). Updates, including new hyperlinks and up-to-date contact information, were made to the report and electronic copies of certificates serve to help U.S. exporters meet Canadian importing requirements.

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This report identifies export certificates issued by recognized U.S. government authorities to comply with Canadian import standards and regulations or to attest that the product is subject to U.S. government regulation. It is an update to the Food and Agricultural Importation Regulation Report (FAIRS) Export Certificate Narrative Report (CA16058). This is not intended as a compendium of Canadian import requirements but rather as a supplement to the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Narrative Report (FAIRS) submitted in December 2016. It was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs of the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service in Ottawa, Canada for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care was taken in the preparation of this report, information provided may not be completely accurate either because requirements have changed since this report's preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these requirements were not available. It is strongly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements at:

#### Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/imp/airse.shtml

U.S. companies may consult with their Canadian customers to ensure the product meets complete compliancy. 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.

Product(s )	Name of Certificate	Purpose/ Attestation	Issuing Authority	Authority Requiring Certificate	Legal Referenc e	Electroni c Copy Attached
All	NAFTA Certificate of Origin CBP, form 434	To claim preferential tariff treatment	Bureau of Customs and Border Protection	Canada Border Service Agency(CBS A)	NAFTA	YES
Meat and Poultry	Certificate for Export of Meat and Poultry Products (Form 9135-3 and 9135-3A)	Product Safety and Wholesomene ss	Food Safety and Inspection Service Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)	Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)	Meat Inspection Regulation s	YES
Eggs	Export Certification FSIS Form 9060-5EP	Wholesomene ss	FSIS	CFIA	Egg Regulation s	NO
Bison (Buffalo)	USDA Beef Export	To attest to eligibility to	Agricultural Marketing	CFIA	Meat Inspection	NO

#### Table A. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government:

Product(s )	Name of Certificate	Purpose/ Attestation	Issuing Authority	Authority Requiring Certificate	Legal Referenc e	Electroni c Copy Attached
	Verification (EV) Program Certificate	export beef to Canada	Service(AM S)		Regulation s	
Pet Food	Zoosanitary Certificate	U.S. origin and food safety	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)	CFIA	Health of Animals Act	YES
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	FV-205 Certificate of Inspection for Canadian Destinations	Grading and Quality	AMS	CFIA	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulation s	YES
Live Animals, Honeybees	Animal Health Export Certificate VS Form 17- 140	Animal Health	APHIS	CFIA	Animal Health Regulation s	NO
Plant and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 572	Plant Health, Freedom from Pests	APHIS	CFIA	Plant Health Regulation s	YES
Fish and Seafood	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administratio n (NOAA) Inspection Certificate	Vessel And Plant Sanitation, Product Inspection, Grading, Safety And Wholesomene ss	NOAA	None	Voluntary	NO
Other Foods	U.S. Food Drug Agency (FDA) Certificate of Export	The Food is Regulated by FDA	FDA	Not a requirement of entry	N/A	NO

#### Section I. Purpose and Type of Export Certificate(s)

#### A. All Products: NAFTA Certificate of Origin

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is a trilateral agreement among Canada, Mexico, and the United States whereby a number of products with some exceptions enter into Canada duty free. To obtain this preferential treatment under this accord, shipments must include the NAFTA form that helps certify the goods. All exporters are to complete a Certificate of Origin (CBP Form 434) that can be obtained at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website: http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/CBP%20Form%20434\_3.pdf

To complete a NAFTA form, the U.S. exporter will need to know their Harmonized System (HS) tariff classification number on their product for the NAFTA form. The HS codes are developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO), an International body responsible for establishing and maintaining these product classifications. Every five years they are updated according to the patterns of trade and technology. Both Canada and the U.S. are among 200 countries that are signatories to this Convention. There are some significant changes coming into effect on January 1, 2017 that will impact previous designated codes on agricultural and food products. All exporters are urged to review their classifications to avoid future confusion at the Canada Border Services Agency:

#### **Customs Tariff 2017**

#### http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2017/html/tblmod-eng.html

The Department of Commerce offers a step-by-step tool to look up HS codes to Canada and other foreign countries. This tool can be accessed at <u>http://export.customsinfo.com/</u>. Once a firm is registered online, companies may search their HS codes by typing in the country of export and identifying the initial tariff heading or tariff description. The user, then can drill down the classification to 10 digits by hitting *calculate* under the tab heading - Duties and Taxes. The complete set of codes and tariff treatment will be outlined. Those products qualifying for NAFTA are listed as: *Tariff Treatment 3: United States of America Rate*.

*Note:* A NAFTA Certificate of Origin is not required on shipments less than US\$1,000. The Certificate need not accompany the shipment but is to be sent to the importer who then is expected to retain a copy on file for up to five years.

✓ *Tip*: Exporters are urged to write in the complete set of the 10 digit HS code for Canada on their customs documents as this will avoid shipment delays.

#### **B. Meat, Poultry and Processed Egg Products**

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is responsible for certification of meat, poultry and processed egg products. New exporters of these products are urged to review these requirements and at:

Exporting Shipment Requirements to Canada http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/exportlibrary-requirements-by-country/Canada

This page contains information on eligible and ineligible products for certification, and slaughter, processing, labelling and marking, all documentation requirements.

#### **B1. Meat and Poultry**

FSIS Forms 9135-3/9135-3A, Certificate for Export of Meat and Poultry Products to Canada certifies that U.S. meat and poultry exports to Canada meet the eligibility, safety and wholesomeness requirements laid out in the Canadian Meat Inspection regulations for imports of meat and poultry from

the United States. Additional information about procedures for exporting meat and poultry to Canada can be obtained at the following web link:

*Export Requirements for Canada – Meat, Natural Casings, and Poultry* <u>http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country/Canada-Special</u>

Instructions on Completing the FSIS 9135-3 / 9135-3A http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/1fe8f850-16e9-4123-8790f07321194e6e/9135a\_guideline.pdf?MOD=AJPERES

*<u>Note</u>*: These forms must be signed by an official Veterinarian.

*Tip*: U.S. exporters are encouraged to ensure all meat export certificate numbers are the same on the paperwork to the labels adheared to the individual cartons.

#### **B2. Meat and Poultry Label Verification**

As of May 1, 2013, the CFIA closed down the label pre-registration office. These responsibilities have been assumed by FSIS to help ensure compliancy among all U.S. exporters. Products containing 2% or more meat/poultry ingredients are to submit labels that 'deviate,' from U.S. domestic requirements.<sup>1</sup> Those products eligible for generic approval are those items limited to two 'deviations,' from the U.S. label; i) the common name is in English and French and ii) the net quantity is expressed in metric units.<sup>2</sup> Under these circumstances the U.S. processor is expected to meet all compliancy and need not submit labels to FSIS. Exporters must ensure all submissions meet all Canadian labelling requirements:

Please review all Canadian labelling requirements by searching half way through the page under:

Labelling Requirements (Submission to FSIS) http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-libraryrequirements-by-country/Canada

As of December 14, 2016, the Canadian Government announced amendments to the format of the Nutrition Facts and listing of ingredients. Food companies will have a period of five years to come into compliance prior to enforcement. To review these changes go to:

http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/eating-nutrition/label-etiquetage/changes-modifications-eng.php

FSIS's processing times may vary from two to six weeks. The Labelling and Program Delivery Staff (LPDS) recommends U.S. exporters obtain a e-authentication account and process their applications online at:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Deviations as defined by FSIS are those components on a Canadian label not permitted or used for the U.S. market, such as bilingual labelling, net quantities expressed in metric units, nutrition facts, specific claims related to natural, gluten free, ethnic food certification, health claims, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the French translation appears first and then the English translation is secondary in the common name, then the label must be submitted to FSIS.

#### Labelling Submission and Approval System (LSAS)

https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/labeling/label-submission-and-approval-system

For additional information please contact LPDS at 1-800-233-3935.

 ✓ *Tip*: FSIS offers a Do's and Don't when completing the necessary forms at: <u>https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/labeling/labeling-procedures/lsas-integration</u>

#### **B3.** Eggs and Processed Egg Products

Eligible egg products for exports can vary from state to state and U.S. producers are urged to review these requirements at:

Export Egg Requirements for Canada

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/requirements-for-processed-egg-products/canada-egg-products

As of August of 2015, FSIS inspectors now issue an Egg Products Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5EP) on each export shipment.

Requirements for Exporting Processed Egg Products http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exportingproducts/requirements-for-processed-egg-products

For those processed products containing small amounts of egg products, such as imitation egg products, frozen egg patties, and frozen omelets may choose to participate in the voluntary Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Verification Program has been established. This program verifies the product is wholesome for export. A letter of agreement between the Foreign Agricultural Service and the Office of International Affairs of the FDA provides USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to conduct onsite verification and issue export certificates.

*Voluntary Export Certification Requirements or Processed Eggs* <u>http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/further-processed-egg-products-certification</u>

For any shipments previously FDA-regulated containing eggs may obtain a replacement certificate by contacting FSIS headquarters at 1-855-444-9904 or by e-mail at <u>importexport@fsis.usda.gov</u>.

#### C. Bison - USDA Export Verification (EV) Program

Meat and meat products derived from bison or buffalo are eligible for export to Canada. However, Canada applies the same BSE requirements for these products as applied for beef and beef products. Since U.S. BSE regulations do not apply to bison or buffalo, meat and meat products derived from these species must be raised under an approved Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) EV program. Only those suppliers meeting the requirements of an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program are eligible to export specified products to Canada. Additional information about the EV program and a list of EV approved establishments can be obtained from the following websites:

Specified Product Requirements for Bison - Canada http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Canada\_and\_EU\_Bison%5B1%5D.pdf

Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Bovine EV Programs http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LSOfficialListingEVProgram.pdf

#### **D.** Pet Foods – Veterinary Export Certificate for Processed Pet Foods and Treats

As of September 1, 2015 of this year, all heat-processed, shelf stable pet foods and treats exported to Canada with animal or animal by-products must be accompanied with a veterinary export certificate endorsed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services. For those products with no animal by-products, the processor must ensure the ingredient listing is displayed on the label or accompanied with all customs documentation.

To review these changes go to:

Canada – Pet Foods Treats, Compound Chew – Heat Processed, Shelf Stable Products – Multiple Shipments https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/ca\_instruct\_processed\_pf\_multi\_sh ip.pdf

Canada – Pet Foods Treats, Compound Chew – Heat Processed, Shelf Stable Products – Single Shipment https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/ca\_instruct\_processed\_pf\_single\_s hip.pdf

#### E. Ready-to-Eat Products - EV Program

This program was initially established for closed-faced sandwiches being exported to Canada. Canadian requirements dictate that closed-faced sandwiches be produced under a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan. In the future, this program is likely to include other RTE programs. Only those manufacturing establishments participating in this EV program can export to Canada. The program is managed by the American Marketing Service (AMS). To learn more about this program go:

*Microbiological Testing of Ready-To-Eat (RTE) Products Destined for Canada* <u>http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/rte-canada</u>

#### F. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable - Inspection Certificate

All fruits and vegetables imported into Canada must meet specific standards and packaging regulations laid out in the Canada Agricultural Products Act (CAPA), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations and

Processed Product Regulations. Exporters are urged to review these regulations on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency site at:

Overview – Import and Interprovincial Requirements for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables <u>http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/frefra/cdnreqe.shtml</u> All fresh and vegetable export must obtain a USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) certification (FV 205) and verification. An overview of the program can be found here:

Specialty Crop Export Verification http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/sci

The importation of leafy green vegetables from the U.S. are limited to those growers and suppliers that have met the Leafy Green Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) food safety guidelines and are a signatory to the:

California Leafy Green Products Handler Marketing Agreement http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables/imports-and-interprovincialtrade/californian-leafy-greens/eng/1362372169428/1362372248701

To encourage trade, under the Export Apple Act, U.S. apple exports weighing more than 100 pounds are exempted from U.S. inspection and certification. More information on the U.S. Export Apple Act can be found at: <u>http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5106885</u>

#### F1. Beyond the Border (BtB) Action Plan on Fruits and Vegetables

In 2011, the U.S. President and the Prime Minister of Canada established a *Beyond the Border (BtB) Action Plan* with the objective of strengthening security and economic competitiveness. Under this plan, both governments have established pilot programs that help ease the flow of products both ways. More recently, the Canadian government agreed to reduce grade verification inspection rates for apples grown in the U.S. The program targets bulk apple shipments of 200 kg. (440 lbs.) or more that are subject to CFIA's Ministerial Exemption Procedures. The program commenced in 2013 and since then, the numbers of grade inspections have been reduced from 75% to 25% this past year. In 2017, CFIA is scheduled to inspect only 5% of the U.S. apple shipments into Canada. To learn more about the program go to:

*Memorandum on U.S. grown apple shipments* <u>http://cscb.ca/sites/cscb.ca/files/uploads/membtbapplepilot.pdf</u>

The Canadian government attempted piloting onions but for various reasons the commodity did lend itself to the current BtB program.

#### G. Live Animals and Live Reproductive Organisms - Animal Health Export Certificate

The Animal Health and Plant Inspection Service (APHIS) of USDA issues health certificates of live animals and live reproductive organisms being exported from the United States. These forms are

completed by an accredited veterinarian that certifies the herd and animal health status. Depending on the type of animals, additional tests and vaccinations are required.

For a general overview of APHIS Export Regulations and Summary of Requirements for Canada go to:

Requirements for Canada – Live Animals https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activitiesoie/sa\_by\_country/sa\_c/ct\_animal\_canada

Import Requirements of Canada for Honey Bee Queens from the U.S. http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca\_hb\_us\_pc.pdf

<u>NOTE</u>: Currently Canada is not accepting any ruminants, camelids, horses, or swine originating from states currently affected with vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) or from states with premises currently under quarantined because of vesicular stomatitis virus.

For all <u>ruminants</u>, <u>camelids</u>, <u>horses</u>, <u>and swine</u> from states other than VSV affected states the following statement must be provided as a supplementary certification:

# "All states in which the animal(s) have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days were free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of vesicular stomatitis during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to export to Canada".

CFIA periodically issues updated and changes on export certification procedures, U.S. exporters are responsible in keeping updated to ensure compliancy. To keep informed go to:

Canada

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activitiesoie/sa\_by\_country/sa\_c/ct\_animal\_canada

#### G1. Travelling and Shipment of Pets to Canada

Although the scope of this report is largely focused on commercial shipments, FAS Canada periodically receives calls from U.S. visitors travelling or shipping their pets to Canada. While, certification is not required for cats or dogs, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) may request records of vaccinations. Also, inspection fees and quarantines may be required on certain pet shipments. Visitors are encouraged to work closely with their veterinarian to ensure all paperwork is in place. To obtain all requirements, please review the following site offered by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA):

Travelling with Pets http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/policies/liveanimals/pets/eng/1326600389775/1326600500578

#### H. Plant and Plant Products Phytosanitary Certificate

The Animal and Plant Health Service Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for issuing the phytosanitary certificate. This paperwork certifies that plants or plant products are free from quarantine pests, practically free from other injurious pests, and conform to the current phytosanitary regulations of Canada. Please review the following site to verify those plants and products that are require this certificate:

APHIS Export Services https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/SA\_Export

#### Section II. Other Export Certification/Accreditation Requirements

#### A. NOAA Inspection Certificate

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Seafood Inspection Program offers a variety of professional inspection services which ensure compliance with all applicable food regulations. In addition, product quality evaluation, grading and certification services on a product lot basis are provided. Benefits of obtaining a certificate include the ability to apply official marks, such as the U.S. Grade A, Processed Under Federal Inspection (PUFI) and Lot Inspection. Additional information on the Export Certification program can be obtained at the following web link:

NOAA Export Certification http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/export/export\_certification/export\_certification.html http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/pdfs/canada.pdf

#### B. Products Regulated by the Food and Drug Administration

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration can issue a Certificate of Export, which is also referred to as a Certificate of Free Sale. Some of these certificates are on a voluntary basis. These export certificates generally indicate that the product is marketed in the United States and eligible for export. Such certificates are neither guarantees nor a certification of the product's safety nor its quality. The Certificates of Export are issued at the request of a domestic (U.S.) company by a FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) or by a state governmental authority. Products obtaining these types of certificates are cosmetics, supplements, infant formula, and medical foods.

For more information on CFSAN, U.S. exporters are encouraged to contact the FDA export certificate specialists at:

*Export Certificate Contacts* <u>http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/ImportsExports/Exporting/ucm151486.htm</u>

Exporting Food Products from the United States http://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/importsexports/exporting/default.htm

#### C. Organic

On June 17, 2009, the United States and Canada jointly announced an organics equivalency arrangement, the first one of its kind. The equivalency arrangement follows a review by both nations of the other's organic certification program and a determination that products meeting the standard in the United States can be sold as organic in Canada, and vice versa.

Producers and processors that are certified to the National Organic Program (NOP) standards by a U.S. Department of Agriculture accredited certifying agent **do not have to become separately certified to the** Canada Organic Product Regulation (COPR) standards in order for their products to be represented as organic in Canada. Likewise, Canadian organic products certified to COPR standards may be sold or labeled in the United States as organically produced. Both the USDA Organic seal and the Canada Organic/Biologique logo may be used on certified products from both countries. An overview of the arrangement can be accessed at the links below:

Canada – US Organic Equivalence Arrangement (USCOEA) http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/organic-products/equivalence-arrangements/usoverview/eng/1328068925158/1328069012553

Specific Production Requirements for U.S. organic products going to Canada: <u>https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/Canada</u> Frequently asked Questions about the Arrangement: <u>https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Equivalency%20FAQ.pdf</u>

USDA - National Organic Program http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/NOP

CFIA – Organic Products

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/orgbio/orgbioe.shtml

Under the initiative of the Safe Food for Canadians Act (SFCA), provisions under Canada's Organic Products Regulations were updated. In the coming years, these regulations will move to a single regulatory framework, recognized as the *Safe Food for Canadian Regulations* (SFCR). <sup>3</sup> The set of the Canadian Organic Products Regulations are referenced in part 15 of this SFCR draft: <u>http://www.inspection.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-aboutcfia-sujetacia/STAGING/text-texte/regs\_safe\_food\_regulations\_cnsldtn\_foodregs\_1427726282343\_eng.pdf</u>.

U.S. firms are reminded that the import and sale of organic food products in Canada are governed by the same rules and regulations that apply to non-organic food products. No distinction is made between organic and non-organic food with regard to import requirements. Currently, all Canadian packaging and labeling, grade, and inspection regulations apply equally to organic and non-organic foods. Organic claims are required to be printed in English and French. Please refer to the FAS Canada's 2016 GAIN Exporter Guide (CA 16055) for further explanation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Canadian government is modernizing their current framework of food regulations. Under the future framework, 13 sets of food regulations will be harmonized into one framework recognized as the Safe Food for Regulations (SFCR). The new framework is expected to be introduced at the end of 2017.

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

Export certificates require the attestations of an approved USDA inspector or veterinarian. U.S. exporters are recommended to first contact their local state agencies at:

#### North American State Departments of Agriculture

http://www.nasda.org/9383/States.aspx

U.S. food and agricultural companies should be aware there may be user fees on certain commercial shipments. Please check with the respective authorizing government office. See below for the nearest contact:

Name of Certif icate	Issui ng Aut hori ty	U.SContact
NAFT A Certifi cate of Origin CBP, form 434	Bure au of Cust oms and Bord er Prot ectio	http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/CBP%20Form%20434_3.pdf https://uscensus.prod.3ceonline.com/ Email: <u>eid.scheduleb@census.gov</u> Tel. 1-800-549-0595, ext.#2
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#### Table B. U.S. Contact Information:

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FSIS - Form 9135- 3/ 9135- 3A. Certifi cate for Expor t of Meat and Poultr y Produ cts to Canad	FSIS	https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/informational/contactus/!ut/p/a1/04_Sj9CPyk ssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfGjzOINAg3MDC2dDbz8LQ3dDDz9wgL9vZ2dDdydjYAK IvEocDclUj8O4GhASH- 4fhReJSAXQBTgtqIgNzTCINNREQAaQZxN/?1dmy&current=true&urile=wcm %3apath%3a%2Ffsis-content%2Finternet%2Finformational%2Fabout- fsis%2Fkey-contacts%2Foffice-locations Email: MPHotline.fsis@usda.gov
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## Appendix I. Electronic Copy of Selected Export Certificates

<b>Example:</b> NAFTA Cert ( <i>Effective January 1, 2017, H</i> <i>been updated</i> )		some agricu	ltural an	d food i	items ha	ve
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# Example: FSIS Form 9135-3, Certificate for Export of Meat and Poultry

### **Example:** Application for Approval of Labels containing Meat products

FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF LABELS, MARKING OR DEVICE FSIG has determined that information provided in items 11, 15, and 16 is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act U.S.C. 552(H)(4). APPLICANT: See Page 5 for instructions.	<ol> <li>AGENT NAME. ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NO. (If using an Agent, complete this block, otherwise leave blank.)</li> </ol>	2. FOR USDA USE ONLY	3. FOR USDA USE ONLY	PAGE         of           4. ESTABLISHMENT NO. / FOREIGN COUNTRY (If applicable)           4a. TYPE OF PRODUCT           Egg         Meat           Poultry         Other		
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**Example:** Pet Food and Treats Certificate (1 of 2)

Certificate Reference Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

#### VETERINARY EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR PROCESSED<sup>1</sup> PET FOOD AND TREATS CONTAINING ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS FROM THE USA TO CANADA

#### (SINGLE SHIPMENT)

Consignor (Name and Address):	Consignee (Name and Address):
Processing Plant (Name and Address) and USDA- APHIS approval number if applicable <sup>2</sup> :	Description of product(s):      Pet foods and/or pet treats with no bovine-origin ingredients except exempt ingredients (i.e., milk or milk products, hide-derived gelatin or collagen, and tallow with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% by weight).     Pet foods and/or pet treats with non-exempt bovine- origin ingredients.
Quantity of the products (Number and Type of packaging or Weight):	
Intended end use :	RESALE
Identification (Lot-batch or date of production):	
Container(s) and seal(s) number(s) :	
Port of Entry:	
Shipping Date:	
Means of transportation:	🗆 Truck 🗆 Rail

Notes:

1: "Processed" includes only heat treated and shelf-stable products.

2: In the case of multiple pet food manufacturing facilities, please attach addendum with complete list of names, addresses, and USDA-APHIS approval numbers (if applicable).

3: The CFIA follows the OIE categorization of countries for BSE Risk Status.

4: The term SRM refers to Specified Risk Materials of bovine animals originating from countries other than Negligible BSE Risk Status. SRMs include: the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, spinal cord and vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae and the wings of the sacrum), the palatine tonsils from bovine animals aged 30 months and older and the distal ileum from bovine animals of all ages.

5: Bovine-origin animal proteins /processed proteins include those bovine-origin products produced in rendering facilities, including animal origin meals such as rendered meals, protein digests, hydrosylates, etc.

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# **EXAMPLE: STATE APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS**

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF DO PLANT PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT			er in Charge d certification	<b>APPLICANT</b> - Forward original Charge where inspections, fication will be given (Item 4). hru 11. <b>OFFICER</b> - Complete		
1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER		3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (or exporters agent)				
			AREA CO	DE AND PHON	ENO.	
2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FOREIGN CONSIGNEE		4. PLACE WHERE ARTICLES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AND/OR TREATMENT AND CERTIFICATION(Port and location)				
		5. APPROX. DATE OF DEPAR	RTURE	6. PORT OF EXPORT		
	7. DESCRIPTION OF AR	RTICLES TO BE CERTIFIED				
OUANTITY AND NAME OF PRODUCE AND BOTANICAL NAME						
D. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES						
S. DISTINGUISHING MARKS						
d. CERTIFIED ORIGIN						
8. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE		I certify that the origin (place where grown) of the articles listed is as represented.				
9. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY		10. SIGNATURE (applicant or	NATURE (applicant or exporters agents)			
E	PORT INSPECTION DATA - (To be filled	I in by Plant Protection and Quarantine Of	icer)			
12. LOCATION OF ARTICLES		13. % OF MATERIALS EXAMINED	14	ALS INFESTED		
15. FINDINGS AND/OR TREATMENT GIVEN (Use reve	rse if necessary)					
16. SIGNATURE		17	. DATE AND TIN	IE INSPECTED		
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### **Example:** Aquatic Animal Health Export Certificate (1 of 4)

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State/Territory and Country of	8°				
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Name and Address of Consign					
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SECTION 4 - DESCRIPTIO		NT			
Species (scientific name)	Common name	Quantity	Lot	Lifestage	Disease(s) to which
		or total weight	identifier or date		species is susceptib
		(kg)	code		

	(Valid only if USDA Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate number)				
Export Certification (Finfish/Molluscs/Crusta					
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2. The aquatic animals to a competent authority or in					
3. The transport water that been treated in a manner					
Official Stamp:					

Example: A	Aquatic Animal Health Export Certificate (3 of 4)
	<b>PRODUCER'S DECLARATION</b> for live aquatic animals for food services and retail use.
	I.       Producer's details         Name and address of production facility:
	II. Animal
	Description of Animal: Origin of Animal: Date of export as appears on the packaging or immediate container of the animals:
III.	<ul> <li>Animal Management:</li> <li>1. For finfish species, the shipment is, to the best of my knowledge, free from visible ectoparasites and intermediate hosts.</li> </ul>
2.	Either To the best of my knowledge, only those species specified in the import permit are included in the shipment and the shipment is free from fellow travellers.
	OR For molluscs, if the shipment is not free of fellow travellers, then the shipment has been treated in a manner which will destroy the fellow travellers. (Check the appropriate box)

Example: A	Aquatic Health Certificate (4 of 4)
	Pageof Health Certificate No: (Valid only if USDA Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate number)
г	V. Packing and Shipping Attestations:
1.	The aquatic animals are packaged in shipping containers, holding units and/or conveyances that are either new or cleaned and disinfected.
2.	The shipping containers and/or holding units prevent release of the shipping contents (eg. water or animals) while en route.
3.	The aquatic animal(s) being presented for importation are packaged in a manner which prevents contact or exchange of animals or water between different shipments of aquatic animals on the same conveyance.
4.	The package was labeled indicating the detailed contents, including the location in which the aquatic animal(s) was born, the taxonomic name of the aquatic animal(s), whether the aquatic animal(s) was(were) wild or farmed, and the number or biomass of the aquatic animal(s) in the shipment.
	Signed
	Date
	Position within the Company:
N	ame and address of Company employee:
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#### **Glossary of Acronyms**

AMS - Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA APHIS - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of USDA BtB – Beyond the Border Action Plan CFIA – Canadian Food Inspection Agency EV - Export Verification FDA \_ Food and Drug Administration FSIS - Food Safety and Inspection Service of USDA HACCP - Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point NAFTA - North American Free Trade Agreement Certificate of Origin NOAA- National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration NOP – National Organic Program PPQ - Plant and Products Quality Form RTE - Ready-To-Eat SAFE - Safe Food for Canadians Act SFCR - Safe Food for Canadians Regulations USCOEA - United States - Canada Organic Equivalence Arrangement