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## **Austria**

### **Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification**

### **FAIRS Export Certificate Report**

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**Report Highlights:**

This report covers only specific export certificate requirements by Austria, which are different from EU requirements.

## Disclaimer

This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs of the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service in **Vienna, Austria** 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 policies have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. 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.

This report outlines specific Austrian export certificates. Austria as a member of the European Union follows the EU directives and regulations. It is therefore recommended that this report is read in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) export certificate report produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium which you can find in the public FAS GAIN database:

<http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Lists/Advanced%20Search/AllItems.aspx>

## Austria

Certificates must be in the official language of Austria, which is German, as well as of the Member State where the border inspection occurs. Certified translations of the certificates into German may be used.

There are no additional Austrian-specific certificates (other than EU certificates) for food products deriving from plants and animals.

The import of special products like blood, blood products, and material containing epizootic pathogens must be approved by the Federal Ministry of Health. Usually the importer (or possibly an exporter) applies to the Ministry with all relevant details. There is no set form for this kind of application.

## **Responsible Authorities for Health Certificates:**

### **Food and Animal Products:**

Ministry of Health  
Division 8: Animal Health, Trade with Live Animals, and Veterinary Law  
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A – 1031 Vienna  
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