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Report Highlights:

All the sections of the report have been updated based on website links and contacts, as well as to comply with the updated reporting instructions. The report lists major certificates and permits required to export food and agricultural products from the United States to Mozambique. It is recommended that this report be read with the FAIRS Country Report, for a comprehensive understanding of the Mozambican regulations, standards, and import requirements.

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Executive Summary

This report describes Mozambique’s major required import documentation, their purpose, and the necessary attestations. It also includes government certificate legal entry requirements and other certification/accreditation requirements. Specific Mozambican government agencies involved in import/export certifications and their role are also included.

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

Table 1: Required Export Certificates for Animals and Animal Products

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Authority
Milk and Milk-Based Products for Human Consumption	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm type of product and its composition • Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases 	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER)
Milk and Milk-Based Products for Animal Consumption	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm type of product and its composition • Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER
Casein, Caseinate or Milk-Protein for Human Consumption Derived from Milk Products Imported from FMD-Infected Countries	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm type of product and its composition • Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER
Products from FMD-Infected Countries	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm type of product and its composition • Confirm product compliance with international norms and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER
Products Containing Dairy and Eggs	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate serves to confirm that product is not from areas that are declared affected by avian diseases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER

Raw Animal Wool, Mohair, and Scoured Animal Wool/Mohair	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm product meets international standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER
Hides and Skins	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm product meets international standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER
Pet Food	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm product meets international standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER
Animal and Animal Products	Import Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm product meets international standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER
Other Animals and Animal Products	Veterinary Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm product meets international standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality • Prevent diseases 	MADER

Source: [Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development](#)

Table 2: Required Export Certificates for Plants and Plant Products

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Authority
Plants and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attests phytosanitary status in conformity with the specific regulation • Follows the international standards • Country of origin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine conformity • Control containments • Prevent spread of pests and diseases 	MADER
Plants and Plant Products	Import Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import authorization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves as the official import authorization 	MADER
Genetically Modified Organisms	GMO Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of import and authorization for testing only in Mozambique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product liability and control 	Ministry of Science & Technology
Liquor	Import Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import approval • Commodity meets acceptable standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety and quality 	Ministry of Trade and Industry (MIC)

Sources: [Ministry of Trade and Industry](#) and [Ministry of Science, Technology, and Higher Learning](#)

Section II: Purpose of Specific Export Certificates

The purpose of each certificate listed above is as follows:

1. **Veterinary Health Certificate:** Attest to food safety and quality and prevention of diseases. It is required by Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER).

2. **Import Permit:** Attest to food safety and quality and prevention of diseases. It is required by MADER, the Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Ministry of Trade and Industry.
3. **Phytosanitary Permit:** Quarantine conformity and control/containment of the spread of pests and diseases. It is required by MADER.
4. **GMO Permit:** Product liability and control. It is required by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Section III: Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificates

Mozambique’s required certificates serve to attest:

1. **Veterinary Health Certificate:** MADER requires this certificate to confirm type of product and its composition, confirm product compliance with international norms and standards, and confirm that the product is not from areas affected by avian diseases.
2. **Import Permit:** Required by both MADER and the Ministries of Science & Technology and Trade & Industry, the import permit grants import authorization and confirms that the product meets international standards.
3. **Phytosanitary Permit:** Required by MADER to attest to phytosanitary status in conformity with the specific regulation, this permit also verifies country of origin and that the product conforms to international standards.
4. **GMO Permit:** Required by the Ministry of Science & Technology, the GMO permit grants import approval for genetically engineered products and authorizes testing only in Mozambique.

Section IV: Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

Table 3: Animals and Animal Products: Veterinary Health Certificate

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	Varies by type of product	Usually for 90 days
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates?	No	

Table 4: Animals and Animal Products: Veterinary Import Permit

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	Varies by type of product	Usually for 90 days

Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	Yes	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates?	No	

Table 5: Plant and Plant Products: Phytosanitary Permit

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	90 days	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates?	No	

Table 6: Plant and Plant Products: Import Permit

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	15 days	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates?	No	

Table 7: Liquor: Import Certificate

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	1 year	
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	Yes	If it remains valid
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State	Yes	If it is certified by an official

issued export certificate?		government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates?	No	

Table 8: Genetically Modified Organisms: Import Certificate

Question	Answer	Comment
Does the original certificate need to accompany the product at the time of entry?	Yes	
How long is the certificate valid?	1 year	Will be valid while testing is ongoing
Can certificate be applied to multiple shipments?	No	Each import is considered one event.
Will the country accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the foreign Country accept a U.S. State issued export certificate?	Yes	If it is certified by an official government authority
Will the country derogate export certificates?	No	

Section V: Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements to Ensure Market Entry

Certificate of Origin: Mozambique requires that imported goods are accompanied by a certificate of origin that must be obtained from the product provider at the place of origin. Mozambique has different agreements with foreign trade partners, like SADC and the EU, from which certificates of origin are given different import benefits. For more details, the following links can be consulted: www.at.gov.mz and www.mcnet.co.mz.

Appendix: Electronic Copy of Certificates

The Government of Mozambique does not provide electronic copies or online certificates. Some certificates may be acquired by request of the product importer or exporter.

Attachments:

No Attachments