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Report Highlights:

Hungary, as a member of the European Union (EU), applies EU regulations to the imports of agricultural products. U.S. export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU have been harmonized. Products not yet harmonized are subject to national regulations. Competent Hungarian authorities may need to be consulted, on a case-by-case basis, to address import requirements for some minor categories of non-harmonized products.

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Executive Summary

Hungary is a Member State of the European Union (EU). Certification requirements for most products destined for the EU market, including Hungary, have been harmonized. Therefore, this report should be read in conjunction with the [EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards \(FAIRS\) Export Certificate Report](#). In case of specific import conditions and non-harmonized products, the [National Food Chain Safety Office](#) (in Hungarian) is the competent authority.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required by Government

Hungary has fully implemented EU regulations for the import of products of animal and plant origin. For additional information on U.S. export certifications for the EU market, please see the [USEU Brussels website](#).

In general, health certificates are required for imported products of animal origin and phytosanitary certificates are needed for plant products that could introduce pests and diseases into the EU.

Certificates must be in the official language of Hungary, which is Hungarian.

The [Department of Trade](#), Defense Industry, Export Control, and Precious Metal Assay of the Government Office of the Capital City Budapest issues import licenses of agricultural products in accordance with EU legislation. Usually an exporter, or possibly an importer, applies to the authority filling out the [prescribed form](#) with all relevant details.

1. Export Certificates/Requirements for Animal Products

Import requirements for animal products with market access to the European Union and its member states, including Hungary, can be found at the [FSIS website](#) along with samples of export certificates for different types of products.

For several products, the EU requires export establishments to be pre-approved based on submissions made by the U.S. Government. U.S. agencies responsible for determining EU-eligible export establishments are the [Food Safety and Inspection Service](#) (FSIS), the [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) (APHIS), the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#), the [Agricultural Marketing Service](#) (AMS), and the [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA). [Approved establishments](#) may be subject to EU inspection as well.

2. Export Certificates/Requirements for Live Animals

The EU imposes several general requirements for all veterinary health certificates. Non-compliance will lead to the rejection of the shipment at the [Hungarian](#) or other [EU border entry/inspection point](#). Specific guidance and certificate forms are available on [APHIS's website](#). Bilingual Hungarian/English health certificates are available for some commodities/species. If the needed bilingual certificate is not the table listed below, please refer to the [English versions](#). It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain a bilingual certificate.

3. Export Certificates/Requirements for Plant and Plant Products

EU plant and plant product import regulations have been harmonized and are published in a single [directive \(2000/29/EC\)](#). Unlike veterinary products, there is only one model certificate for all plant products in accordance with international regulations laid down by the [International Plant Protection Convention](#) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

4. Export certificates/requirements for non-harmonized products

There are a few products for which Hungary is not harmonized with EU legislation. In such cases, imports of these products are subject to Hungarian national legislation and import requests are assessed by the competent authorities on a case-by-case basis. The [National Food Chain Safety Office](#) (in Hungarian) is the competent authority for providing the specific import conditions on non-harmonized products.

Matrix of Export Certificates Required by the EU and its Member States

This matrix lists the type of certificates the EU requires. For details and links to model certificates please refer to Appendix I of the [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#).

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Requesting Authorities / Ministry
Products of animal origin	Health certificate	The EU requires that a veterinary and/or general health certificate accompany each shipment of meat and be signed and dated prior to shipment. For non-harmonized exports of animal products to Hungary, the prescribed bilingual certificates (in Hungarian) are available at and must be submitted to the Animal Health and Animal Welfare Directorate (in Hungarian).	Government Offices, National Food Chain Safety Office (under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture)
Live animals	Health certificate	<p>Directive 2002/99/EC; Annex IV. 6. stipulates that certificates must be issued before the consignments to which they relate leave the control of the competent authority.</p> <p>Bovine embryos, Annex II – Bilingual health certificate for in vivo derived embryos collected in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC.</p> <p>Bovine semen A) – Bilingual health certificate for the entry into the EU of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, and dispatched from a semen collection center where the semen was collected.</p> <p>Bovine semen B) – Bilingual health certificate for the entry into the EU of stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC, as amended by Council Directive 2003/43/EC, after 31 December 2004 and before 21 April 2021, and entered into the EU after 20 April 2021, and dispatched from a semen collection center where the semen was collected.</p>	Government Offices, National Food Chain Safety Office (under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Requesting Authorities / Ministry
Live animals	Health certificate	<p>Bovine germinal products (semen/embryos/oocytes) – Bilingual health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product storage center.</p> <p>Poultry: Model bilingual veterinary certificate for hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites.</p> <p>Dogs, cats, and ferrets (15 weeks of age or older): Model animal health certificate for import into the EU of dogs, cats, and ferrets.</p> <p>Laboratory animals, semen, ova, and embryos – Bilingual health certificate for laboratory animals, semen, ova and embryos intended for consignment to Hungary.</p> <p>Birds for exhibitions – Bilingual health certificate for birds for exhibitions intended for consignment to Hungary.</p> <p>Carnivores – Bilingual health certificate for Carnivores intended for dispatch to Hungary.</p> <p>Chinchillas – Bilingual health certificate for chinchillas intended for consignment to Hungary.</p> <p>Dog semen – Bilingual health certificate for transport of dog semen to Hungary.</p> <p>Primates – Bilingual health certificate for primates intended for consignment to Hungary.</p> <p>Small mammals – Bilingual health certificate for small mammals except carnivores intended for dispatch to Hungary..</p>	Government Offices, National Food Chain Safety Office (under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Requesting Authorities / Ministry
Live animals	Health certificate	<p>Pigeons – Bilingual health certificate for pigeons for competitions or exhibitions intended for consignment to Hungary.</p> <p>Aquarium and/or vivarium animals – Bilingual health certificate for aquarium and/or vivarium animals intended for consignment to Hungary.</p> <p>Bats – Bilingual health certificate for chiropteran species intended for consignment to Hungary.</p> <p>Snail – Quadrilingual health certificate for the export of live edible snails to Hungary.</p> <p>Leeches – Bilingual health certificate for the dispatch of live leeches to Hungary.</p> <p>Annelids – Bilingual health certificate for the dispatch of annelids to Hungary.</p> <p>Zoo birds – Bilingual health certificate for zoo birds intended for transport to Hungary.</p> <p>Bear species – Bilingual health certificate for bear species intended for transport to Hungary.</p> <p>Pet animals of Rodentia, Reptilia, Amphibia, Lagomorpha, Pisces, etc. – Bilingual health certificate for the transport of certain pet animals for non-commercial purpose to Hungary.</p> <p>If the reptile, rodent, or amphibian is not traveling on the same plane as the owner, the owner must provide a letter to the transport broker or airline pet services authorizing the aircraft staff to be responsible for these animals <i>en route</i> to Hungary and stating that the owner will resume responsibility for the pet upon arrival in Hungary.</p>	Government Offices, National Food Chain Safety Office (under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Requesting Authorities / Ministry
Live animals	Health certificate	Brine shrimp eggs – Bilingual health certificate for the export of brine shrimp eggs intended for fry feeding to Hungary.	Government Offices, National Food Chain Safety Office (under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture)
Products of plant origin	Phytosanitary Certificate	APHIS inspectors attest to specific requirements of EU legislation by making additional declarations in the relevant phytosanitary certificate. These declarations are specific for different plant species, and they are subject to change. Thus, the shipper needs to check for the most recent change before export. For the United States, APHIS issues the required phytosanitary certificates with the requisite attestations to specific EU requirements.	Government Offices, National Food Chain Safety Office (under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture)
Non-harmonized products	Health certificate	Chinchilla fur – Bilingual health certificate for hides of chinchillas intended for consignment to Hungary. Game trophies – Bilingual health certificate for treated and untreated game trophies of animals other than ungulates and birds intended for consignment to Hungary. Deer antler – Bilingual health certificate for shed deer antler intended for consignment to Hungary. Fur – Bilingual health certificate for the export of fur of farmed fur-bearing animals deer antler to Hungary	Government Offices, National Food Chain Safety Office (under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture)
Composite Products	Health Certificate	Regulation (EU) 2019/625 defines composite products.	National Food Chain Safety Office (under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificates

Imported products must meet existing member state requirements, and products must be accompanied by the proper certification at the 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 and diseases into the EU.

Exports of composite products also face certification requirements. [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/625](#) defines composite products as foodstuffs intended for human consumption that contain processed products of animal origin and ingredients of plant origin. Composite products include a wide variety of products, including cheesecakes, high protein food supplements, pizza, and lasagnas. U.S. exports of “composite products” continue to be restricted due to burdensome certification requirements. While the U.S. is eligible to ship hormone-free meat, dairy products, egg products, and fishery products separately, it is often not possible to ship the composite products that combine these eligible ingredients.

Exporters should be aware that in parallel with the aforementioned changes to the composite product certificate that was triggered by an update of the EU’s Animal Health Law, the EU also made changes to the categories of composite products that require U.S. Government-issued health certificates. The new system is no longer based on the percentage of ingredients of animal product in the final product and goes into effect on January 15, 2022. It establishes three categories of composite products: (1) non-shelf stable composite products, (2) shelf stable composite products that contain meat products and (3) shelf stable composite products that do not contain meat products. All processed products of animal origin have to be sourced from EU-approved establishments. The EU continues to require composite product certificates for all non-shelf stable products and for shelf stable composite products with a meat ingredient. For shelf stable products not containing meat, no certificates signed by the U.S. Government are required. For these products, the representative of the importer must declare that the goods meet the relevant EU requirements, using the “Private Attestation” model form.

In accordance with EU legislation, certain products may have quality certificates that allow for reduced import duties. Other voluntary EU certificates can also allow for less stringent import control regimes.

Hungary is a member of the EU and conforms to all EU regulations and directives. Therefore, this report should be read in conjunction with the [EU FAIRS Certificate Report](#). It consolidates EU-27 requirements published by the USDA FAS Office in the U.S. Mission to the European Commission (USEU) in Brussels, Belgium. Country specific reports can be also accessed through the [FAS website](#).

III. Specific Attestation Required on Export Certificates

For the identity check of the shipment, agents of the food safety authority require the seal number of the container be printed on the certificates. A seal number on the Bill of Lading is not sufficient if these can be easily re-issued by private companies. If no seal number is present on the certificate, a physical check is necessary to verify the identity of the shipment. For some veterinary certificates, additional statements (e.g., declaration of BSE/TSE) need to be included.

IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

For all veterinary health certificates, the EU applies general principles of certification defined in [Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2235](#). The regulation is directly applied in Hungary. For detailed information, please consult the [EU FAIRS Certificate Report](#).

V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

The National Food Chain Safety Office is the proper and competent authority in the matter of settlements of veterinary requirements with a third country. The specifications of this office must be executed for imports from third countries if they are not specified by EU regulations.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy, or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Please read the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#).

Attachments:

No Attachments