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Report Highlights:

Romania applies European Union (EU) regulations on imports of animal and non-animal products from the United States. The legislation on export certification is generally harmonized at the EU level. Romanian legislation applies to the minor categories on which requirements are not harmonized. This report should be read in conjunction with the EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report, as it provides comprehensive information about export certificates.

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Executive Summary

Romania harmonized its national sanitary-veterinary requirements and export certificates with the legislation developed at EU level. As a member of the EU, Romania requires that U.S. certifying agents use these EU standard formats. Export certificates must be drawn up in English or the official language of Romania, which is Romanian. The certificates must be issued before the consignment leaves the control of the competent authority of the United States.

Romanian authorities are responsible for enforcing EU legislation through inspection of imported goods and the accompanying certificates. The competence on health certificates for live animals and animal and non-animal origin food products lays is of the [National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority \(ANSVSA\)](#), while the competence on phytosanitary certificates is of the [Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development](#) (MARD).

Section I. List All the Export Certificates Required by Government

Following an update of the EU’s Animal Health Law ([Regulation \(EU\) 2016/429](#)), which entered into force on April 21, 2021, the EU has updated all required certificates for products of animal origin. Models of the new certificates for food of animal origin were published in Commission Implementing [Regulation \(EU\) No 2020/2235](#), as amended by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1471](#).

The transitional provisions of Regulation 2020/2235 allow for the continued use of the old certificates until March 15, 2022, provided that the certificates are signed before Jan 15, 2022. Please check the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#) for further details.

Romania does not maintain a database with the model certificates for importing goods into Romania. Therefore, prior to shipment, exporters should always confirm with their importers that the consignment will be allowed to enter with the documentation accompanying the consignment. If there is any doubt about which documents are required, or if any requirements are not listed, U.S. exporters should ask their importer to email the appropriate Romanian officials at office@ansvsa.ro with a full product description, including any animal-origin contents, and the intended use in Romania. Romanian officials will respond to the importer in writing. U.S. exporters should then obtain that response from their importer and provide it, along with a full translation (including the original email question) to their local Veterinary Services service center. Alternatively, U.S. exporters may contact directly [ANSVSA](#) at office@ansvsa.ro to inquire about the certificate model and import requirements.

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

In general, Romania requires health certificates for all imported products of animal origin and phytosanitary certificates for all imported plant products. In addition to the information listed below, please check the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#) for specific information about EU certificates.

Import requirements for animal products into Romania are provided by [FSIS](#) under the [EU requirements section](#), which includes the export certificate models. Romanian-language export certificates exist for selected commodities, such as pork and meat products. The import requirements for live animals (including embryos) and products such as collagen into Romania are available on the [APHIS](#) website. More specifically, they are located in the section presenting the EU requirements for [materials for human consumption](#) and [materials not for human consumption](#). If a bilingual (English/Romanian) certificate for a particular species or commodity does not exist, please refer to the English version.

Import requirements for plants and plant products are harmonized at the EU level. The international body regulating the international trade with plants and plant products who lays down the models of certificates is the [International Plant Protection Convention of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) (IPPC). Unlike veterinary products, there is only one model certificate for all plant products in accordance with IPPC's conventions. The phytosanitary certificate is provided by the [EU Council Directive 2000/29](#) transposed in Romania through Government Decision 563/2007 with subsequent amendments. Phytosanitary certificates are issued by APHIS inspectors, who can attest to specific requirements of EU legislation by making additional declarations in the relevant box.

There are only few products/by-products for which EU legislation is not harmonized. In such cases, import of these products is subject to Romanian national legislation and import requests are assessed by the competent authorities on a case-by-case basis. [ANSVSA](#) is the competent authority for providing the specific import conditions on non-harmonized products.

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

Below is a list of U.S. competent authorities providing detailed export certificate information:

- **AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**
 - [Export Verification](#)
- **APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA**
 - [International Animal Export Regulations](#)
 - [International Animal Products Export Regulations](#)
 - [Plant Export Services](#)
- **FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA**
 - [Export Requirements for the European Union](#)
- **FDA: Food and Drug Administration**
 - [Exporting Food Products from the United States](#)
- **FGIS: Federal Grain Inspection Service; Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA**
 - [Official Certificates | Agricultural Marketing Service](#)
- **NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**
 - [Export Certification to the European Union | NOAA Fisheries](#)

Section IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

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

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

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

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

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

Appendix II: Romanian Competent Authorities

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Bd. Carol I no. 24, sector 2, Bucuresti, Romania

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National Phytosanitary Authority

Voluntari Blvd. 11, Voluntari, Ilfov County

Tel/Fax: +4 021 2703254

Email: anf@anfd.ro, fitosanitar@anfd.ro Website: <http://www.anfd.ro>

National Sanitary-Veterinary and Food Safety Authority

P-ta Presei Libere nr. 1 Corp D1 Sector 1, Bucuresti, Romania

E-mail: office@ansvsa.ro Website: <http://www.ansvsa.ro>

Romanian Animal Improvement Agency (for imports of frozen semen and embryos)

București – Ploiești, Km 18.2, Balotești, Ilfov

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