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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

Romania applies European Union (EU) regulations on imported products of animal and non-animal-origin from third countries. The export certification is harmonized at EU level for the large majority of products. Romanian legislation applies to a variety of other, minor categories on which requirements are not harmonized.

DISCLAIMER: This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs, Bucharest, Romania for U.S. exporters of domestically-produced 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 (importers), who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. Final 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.

Prior to shipment, exporters should always ensure that their importers confirm if the consignment will be allowed to enter with the documentation accompanying the consignment. If there are any doubts about which documents are required, or if any requirements are not listed, the U.S. exporter should have the Romanian importer email the appropriate Romanian officials at: office@ansvsa.ro with a description of the product(s), including the animal-origin contents, and the intended use of the material in Romania. The Romanian officials will respond to the importer in writing. The U.S. exporter should then obtain that response from the importer, and provide it along with a translation of it (including the original email question) to their local Veterinary Services service center.

Section I: List all of the Export Certificates required by Government

Romania harmonized its national sanitary-veterinary requirements in accordance with the EU. This report should be read in conjunction with the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#), as it provides comprehensive information about export certification.

Currently, all export certificates are fully consistent with the ones requested by the EU. Harmonized import requirements refer to introduction into the EU of both plant and animal origin products coming from third countries. Certificates must be drawn up in the official language of the Member State of destination and that of the Member State in which the border inspection takes place, or be accompanied by a certified translation into Romanian language. The certificates must be issued before the consignment to which it relates leaves the control of the competent authority of the country of dispatch.

A. Export certificates/requirements for Animal products

Import requirements for animal products are provided by the [FSIS website](#), along with the Export Certificate for each type of product. The export certificates for selected commodities in Romanian language are listed below:

- Pork
- Poultry meat
- Meat Products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines
- Fresh poultry meat for transit/storage
- Meat Products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for transit/storage

- Egg products transit/storage
- Composite products transit or storage

B. Export certificates/requirements for Live Animals

Bilingual Romanian/English health certificates are available for some commodities/species on APHIS website (see below). If a bilingual certificate for that species or commodity is not listed below, please refer to the English version on the link to the European Union. It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain a bilingual certificate if it is not listed below.

Bovine Embryos

- Bovine Embryos Annex II - Health certificate for *in vivo* derived embryos collected in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC - January 2013

Bovine Semen

- Bovine Semen Model 1: Health certificate for imports into and transits through the EU of bovine semen dispatched from a semen collection center where the semen was collected - June 2015
- Bovine Semen Model 3: Health certificate for imports into and transits through the EU of bovine semen dispatched from a semen storage center - January 2015

Equine

- Model 1: Equine semen collected, processed and/or stored after 30 September 2014 and dispatched from the semen collection center of origin - Health Certificate - April 2015
- Model 4: Equine semen dispatched after 31 August 2010 from a semen storage center - Health Certificate - May 2015

Supplementary information regarding the export certificates for the EU market is available on the website of the USEU Brussels.

C. Export certificates/requirements for plant and plant products

The import requirements for plants and plant products are harmonized at the EU level. The international body regulating the international trade with plant and plants 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.

D. Export certificates/requirements for non-harmonized products

There are only few products/by-products or exotic animals on which the 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. The National Sanitary-Veterinary and Food Safety Authority is the competent authority for providing the specific

import conditions on non-harmonized products.

Appendix I: U.S. Competent Authorities

Following is a list of the U.S. competent authorities:

- **AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**
 - European Union Health Certification Program
- **APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA**
 - International Animal Export Regulations
 - International Animal Products Export Regulations
 - Plant Export Services
- **FDA: Food and Drug Administration**
 - www.fda.gov/Food/InternationalActivities/Exports/ExportCertificates/default.htm
- **FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA**
 - Export Requirements for the European Union
- **NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**
 - http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/export/export_certification/euexport.html
- **FGIS: Federal Grain Inspection Service; Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA**
 - <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/certification.aspx>

Appendix II: Romanian competent authorities

In Romania the following official authorities are responsible for the health certificates for plant and animal origin products:

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

24, Bd. Carol I, sector 2

020921 Bucharest, Romania

Phone: (+40) 21 307 2446/8682/8553

Fax: (+40) 21 307 8554

E-mail: comunicare@madr.ro

Website: <http://www.madr.ro>

National Sanitary-Veterinary and for Food Safety Authority

P-ta Presei Libere nr. 1 Corp D1 Sector 1

013701 Bucharest, Romania

Phone: (+40) 312 4987

Fax: (+40) 21 312 4967

E-mail: office@ansvsa.ro

Website: <http://www.ansvsa.ro>

Romanian Animal Improvement Agency

București – Ploiești, Km 18.2, Balotești, Ilfov, 077015

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