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Report Highlights:

This report describes the major export certificates required by the Government of Jamaica for imports of food and agricultural products. No major changes in export certificate requirements occurred in 2019.

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

All products require an export certificate issued by agencies of the U.S. Government, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Product (s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Processed Foods	Certificate to a Foreign Government (FDA)	The products exported are produced and marketed in the United States and conform to U.S. requirements.	Food Safety	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division
Meats • Beef • Mutton • Lamb • Goat	Meat Inspection Certificate (FSIS Form 9060-5 Certificate of Wholesomeness) Letterhead Certificate (FSIS Form 2630-9) for Beef and Beef Products.	See Section III	Food Safety and Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division

Product (s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Poultry and Poultry Products	Poultry Inspection Certificate (FSIS 9060-5 Certificate of Wholesomeness).	See Section III	Food Safety and Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division
Dairy Products	Health/Sanitary Certificate (AMS)	Products are fit for human consumption	Food Safety and Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division
Products with Minor Dairy or Egg Components	Health/Sanitary Certificate (APHIS VS form 16-4)	Products are fit for human consumption	Food Safety and Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division

Product (s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Food Preparations Containing Animal Products and Less than 2% Meat Ingredients for Human Consumption	Health/Sanitary Certificate (APHIS VS form 16-4 and VS Form 16-4A)	Certification that rinderpest, foot-and mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States.	Food Safety and Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division
Table (Shell) Eggs, processed egg products such as frozen egg patties	Grading and Health Certificates (AMS Grading Certificate – Form PY-210S and AMS Health Certificate – "disease free certification statements for other countries")	Products are fit for human consumption	Food Safety and Animal Health Protection	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division
Processed Eggs, such as pasteurized liquid eggs	Certificate of Wholesome (FSIS Form 9060-5EP) FSIS Letterhead Certificate	Products are fit for human consumption	Food Safety	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division

Product (s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Fruits, Vegetables, Plants and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Certificate (APHIS)	The products have been inspected and are free of harmful pests and plant diseases and comply with Jamaica's phytosanitary regulations.	Food Safety and Plant Protection	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division. Ministry of Agriculture – Plant Quarantine Division
Fish and Crustaceans	Export Certificate (Country of origin and analysis of contaminants/heavy metals).	The fish products meet all standards specified by GOJ and must be accompanied by the origin country export health certificate.	Food Safety	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division
Sugar • Refined sugar • Raw sugar	License from GoJ Trade Board	The products exported are produced and marketed in the United States in general conformity with U.S. requirements.	Food Safety	Ministry of Health – The Standards and Regulation Division Ministry of Industry Jamaica Trade Board

Product (s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Pet Foods	Health/Sanitary Certificate (APHIS VS form 164 with additional declarations)	The United States meets the requirements of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) to be considered free from HPAI, Newcastle disease, swine vesicular disease, African and classical swine fever, and foot and-mouth disease. Ingredients used in the preparation of the pet food were free from specified risk materials.	Animal Health	Ministry of Agriculture – Veterinary Services Division

Section II: Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

- Certificate to a Foreign Government: The Jamaican Ministry of Health requires this certificate for all food products imported into Jamaica for the purpose of food safety. This FDA certificate is available for conventional foods, food additives, food contact substances, and infant formula that meet the applicable requirements of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for marketing in the United States. This certificate states, among other things, that a product (or products) may be marketed in and legally exported from the United States. The fee for this certificate is \$175 for the first certificate, \$155 for the second certificate for the same products(s) issued in response to the same request, and \$100 for each subsequent certificate for the same product(s) issued in response to the same request. To request this certificate, please visit <u>Online Applications for Export Certificates</u>.
- The "Certificate of Exportability" is available for conventional foods, food additives, food contact substances, and infant formula products that cannot be legally marketed in the United States but that meet the requirements of section 801(e) of the FD&C Act and may be legally exported. This certificate states that a product (or products) meet(s) the requirements of section 801(e)(1) of the FD&C Act and may be legally exported. The fee for this certificate is \$175 for the first certificate, \$155 for the second certificate for the same products(s) issued in response to the same request, and \$100 for each subsequent certificate for the same product(s) issued in response to the same request. To request this certificate, please visit <u>Online Applications for Export Certificates</u>.
- The "Certificate of Free Sale" is available only for dietary supplements, medical foods, and foods for special dietary use. FDA does not charge a fee for this certificate. To request this certificate, please visit <u>Online Applications for Export Certificates</u>.

- Health Certificate/Sanitary Certificate: The Ministry of Health requires this certificate for food safety, food quality and food processing conditions. The Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Services Division also requires this certificate for animal health protection purposes.
- Meat/Poultry Inspection Certificates (Certificate of Wholesomeness): The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Services Division require these certificates for food safety, food quality and animal health protection purposes.
- **Phytosanitary Certificate:** This certificate is required by the Ministry of Health for the purpose of food safety and the Ministry of Agriculture Plant Quarantine Division for domestic plant protection purposes.
- **Fish and Crustaceans Export Certificate:** This certificate is required by the Ministry of Health for food safety and the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Services Division for fishery protection.

Section III: Specific Attestation Required on Export Certificate

- **Certificate to a Foreign Government:** This certificate should attest that the particular products exported to Jamaica are produced and marketed in the United States in general conformity with U.S. requirements.
- Health Certificate/Sanitary Certificate: This certificate should declare that the facilities are operated under sanitary conditions (under supervision/monitoring of the regulatory agency) and animal/seafood/other products destined for human consumption are free from diseases and conform to negotiated standards.
- Meat/Poultry Inspection Certificate (Certificate of Wholesomeness): This certificate is issued by USDA/FSIS – Form 9060-5. The export requirements for Jamaica and eligible/ineligible products are available at https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exportingproducts/export-library-requirements-by-country/jamaica.
- **Export Certificate for imported dairy products for re-export to Jamaica:** This certificate should declare that the product was legally imported into the United States from [name of country] under export certificate [reference the export certificate of the country of origin].
- Health Certificate for Pet Foods: To export pet foods and treats to Jamaica the following certification statements should be provided in the Additional Declarations section of the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS form 16-4). A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support these statements on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below:

- **1.** The animal feed originates from a manufacturing plant approved by the regulatory authority of the exporting country.
- **2.** Pet food products have been manufactured in accordance with a U.S. system of laws and regulations designed to produce a wholesome product. The product is freely sold in the United States as pet food.
- **3.** Canned (hermetically sealed products) were treated to F₀ of 3.0 or more to comply with low acid canned food regulations. Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated products were sufficiently heat processed to assure destruction of pathogens of concern. Liquid products have undergone pasteurization.
- **4.** Ingredients used in the preparation of the pet food were free from specified risk materials (for pet foods containing ruminant ingredients).
- **Phytosanitary Certificate:** This should certify that the shipment of plant and plant products have been inspected and is free of harmful pests and plant diseases and complies with Jamaica's phytosanitary regulations. Furthermore, the certificate must declare from which U.S. state the plant products originate. While the Jamaican authorities have no specific declaration requirements on the Phytosanitary Certificate, the following sample attestation can be used as a guideline: *The products have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from pests and diseases and conform to the current phytosanitary requirements of Jamaica.*

Note: The importation of soft, fleshy fruits and vegetables are prohibited from all areas where fruit flies (i.e. Mexican and Mediterranean) are known to occur unless approved treatments can be effectively performed. Furthermore, the importation of plants and rooted cuttings are limited to soil-free plants and plant parts.

- **Certificate of Analysis:** This certificate should provide a complete chemical analysis and microbiological analysis of the product.
- Aflatoxin Certificate: This certificate should attest that an accredited laboratory has tested the peanut/corn products and confirm that they do not exceed proscribed regulations.
- **Residues Certificate (heavy metals, toxins, contaminants):** This certificate should declare that the fish product meets or exceeds all standards specified by Jamaica.
- **Certificate of Origin:** The certificate must state the country of origin of the product and/or raw materials.

Section IV: Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements:

• **Certificate to a Foreign Government:** The GoJ requests that a Federal/State Health Authority issue this certificate. Jamaica does not accept a supplier's or manufacturer's export declaration as proof of compliance. The certificate is valid for one year and can be applied to multiple shipments of the same product.

- Health Certificate/Sanitary Certificate: The GoJ requests that this certificate be issued by a U.S. Federal Agency. Each shipment must be accompanied by the original certificate and the original import permit (exporter's copy).
- **Meat/Poultry Inspection Certificate (Certificate of Wholesomeness):** The GoJ requires that this certificate be issued by a U.S. Federal Agency. Each shipment must be accompanied by the original certificate and the original import permit (exporter's copy).
- **Phytosanitary Certificate:** GoJ requires that this certificate be issued by a Federal Agency. The original certificate along with the import permit must accompany the product at the time of entry into Jamaica.
- **Certificate of Analysis:** The government accepts a manufacturer's/supplier's export declaration as proof of compliance. The certificate is valid for the designated shipment only, and the original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.
- Aflatoxin Certificate: The government accepts a manufacturer's/supplier's export declarations as proof of compliance. The certificate is valid for the designated shipment only, and the original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.
- **Residue Certificate:** The government accepts a manufacturer's/supplier's export declaration as proof of compliance. The certificate is valid for the designated shipment only, and the original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.
- **Certificate of Origin:** This certificate must be issued by an official at the federal or state level. The certificate is valid for the designated shipment only, and the original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.
- **Coconut products:** Coconut derivatives, coconut oil producing seeds, and edible oils require an import permit from the Government of Jamaica (GoJ), Jamaica Agricultural Commodities Regulatory Authority (JACRA). Additional information is available at https://jacra.org/.

Note: All import permits issued are valid for a period of three (3) months with the exception of poultry and poultry products, which are valid for a period of two (2) months. Import permits are required for each product per shipment and become invalid if the expiry date is passed or when the permit is used to import a part or whole of the quantity of the product stated on the permit.

Section V: Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

Jamaica's regulatory agencies conduct limited laboratory testing on imported food products. However, the Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Division (FSPID) of MICAF conducts careful examination of the physical and sanitary condition of products entering Jamaica. For additional requirements and information, please see Post's 2018 FAIRS Narrative Report (JM1808), 2018 Exporter Guide (JM1810), and 2018 HRI Report (JM1803) at the following web portal:

https://gain.fas.usda.gov/Lisvts/Advanced%20Search/AllItems.aspx

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Appendix I: Sample Export Certificates

FSIS Form 9060-5 Meat and poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

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