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This report was prepared by the Ottawa Office of Agricultural Affairs for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care has been 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, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCTS IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

Executive Summary

This report highlights export certificates issued by U.S. government authorities to comply with Canadian import standards and regulations. It is an update to the 2018 Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) Export Certificate Report. This is not intended as a compendium of Canadian import requirements, but rather as a supplement to the most recent [FAIRS Country Report](#). While every possible care was taken in the preparation of this report, this information is provided only as guidance, because requirements may have changed since this report's preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these requirements was not available.

FAS/Canada strongly recommends that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements through the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's [Automated Import Reference System \(AIRS\)](#). As a good business practice, U.S. companies should consult with their Canadian customers to ensure products meet Canadian import requirements. As a caveat, final import 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.

Section I. Export Certificate Matrix:

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Purpose/ Attestation	Issuing Authority	Authority Requiring Certificate
All U.S.-Origin Products Eligible for Preferential Treatment Under USMCA	Certification of Origin [Note: The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) does not follow a prescribed format.]	To claim preferential tariff treatment	N/A Importer, Exporter, or Producer can make the certification	Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)
Meat and Poultry	Certificate for Export of Meat and Poultry Products to Canada Form 9135-3 and 9135-3A	Product Safety and Wholesomeness	Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)	Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
Certain Products of Meat Origin (Broth, Flavor, or Extract)	Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) Certificate to a Foreign Government CFSAN eCATS	Product Safety and Wholesomeness	FDA	CFIA
Egg Products	Egg Products Export Certificate of Wholesomeness Form 9060-5EP	Wholesomeness	FSIS	CFIA

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Purpose/ Attestation	Issuing Authority	Authority Requiring Certificate
Processed Egg and Egg Products	Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Verification Certificate LPS-234	Wholesomeness	AMS	CFIA
Bison (Buffalo)	USDA Beef Export Verification (EV) Program Certificate	To attest to eligibility to export bison to Canada	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	CFIA
Pet Food	Veterinary Export Certificate for Processed, Shelf-Stable Pet Foods, Treats & Compound Chews	U.S. origin and veterinary health attestations	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)	CFIA
Pet Food	Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for Export of Unprocessed (Raw) Pet Foods from a Bovinae Approved Facility to Canada	U.S. origin and veterinary health attestations	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)	CFIA
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Specialty Crops Program (SC) Export Form Certificate Forms SC-205 and SC-205-1	Grading and Quality	AMS	CFIA
Live Animals, Honeybees	Animal Health Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	Animal Health	APHIS	CFIA
Plant and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 572 PPQ Form 577 PPQ Form 578 PPQ Form 579	Plant Health, Freedom from Pests	APHIS	CFIA
Fish and Seafood	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Seafood Inspection Program, APHIS Aquatic Animal Health Export Certificate, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Export Permit	Sanitation, Grading, Food Safety, Wholesomeness, Animal Health, Eligibility of Species	NOAA, APHIS, FWS	CFIA, CBSA, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Purpose/ Attestation	Issuing Authority	Authority Requiring Certificate
Other Foods	FDA Certificate of Exportability CFSAN eCATS	Product Meets U.S. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act Requirements	FDA	CFIA

Section II. Purpose and Type of Export Certificates

A. All Products: USMCA Certification of Origin

The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) is a trilateral agreement among Canada, Mexico, and the United States under which most products enter into Canada duty free. To obtain this preferential treatment, a product must be accompanied by a certification of origin made by the importer, exporter or the producer of the product. U.S. exporters must validate that the food products they are shipping to Canada qualify for duty free treatment. All exporters may review treatment of their products under USMCA by locating the specific rules of origin treatments, which are described by chapter starting on page 18 of [Annex 4-B](#) of the USMCA text.

While the certification of origin need not follow a prescribed format, each certification must include nine data elements specified in USMCA Annex 5-A (see page 16 of USMCA [Chapter 5](#)). The certification of origin may be completed and submitted electronically and may be signed with an electronic or digital signature.

For multiple shipments of identical goods, shippers may include a previously signed certification of origin for a “[blanket period](#)” of up to 12 months. Additional guidance and information is available on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection [website](#). USMCA-related questions and concerns can be addressed to Customs and Border Protection at USMCA@CBP.DHS.gov

The U.S. Census Bureau recommends that certifiers identifying more than the first six digits of an HS code on their certification documentation should use the Canadian HS codes, which can be found on this [CBSA webpage](#) or CFIA [AIRS](#). While the first six digits of an HS code are the same for Canada, Mexico and the United States, the last four to six digits are unique to each country and will vary slightly from the U.S. codes. Since U.S. export shipments are inspected by the CBSA, it is important for U.S. companies to use Canadian HS codes to minimize delays or misinterpretations at the border.

Here are some tips for U.S. certifiers when generating a USMCA certification of origin:

- **Tip:** The HS tariff schedule is set up where the less processed foods like fresh foods are listed in the earlier chapters and the more processed foods are listed in the later chapters (e.g., vegetables are in chapter 7 and cereal preparations are in chapter 19).
- **Tip:** If required to provide an 8-12 digit classification number, then identify and enter the **Canadian Tariff Classification Number**. **Do not** use the U.S. 8-12 digit classification number.

- **Tip:** U.S. companies exporting goods eligible for preferential tariff treatment to Canada should contact their export sales partners to confirm the certification of origin procedure to be used under USMCA.
- **Tip:** U.S. exporters should review trade partners' certification of origin documents to ensure the data provided meets USMCA requirements.

Assistance is available through [local U.S. Export Assistance Centers](#) or through the agricultural [State Regional Trade Groups](#) (SRTGs). Exporters in the Food Export USA SRTG regions may [contact the Food Export helpline](#).

B. Meat, Poultry and Processed Egg Products

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is responsible for certification of all fresh, frozen and packaged meat, poultry and processed egg products. More information on the export requirements for Canada are available [here](#) and [here](#).

B.1. Meat and Poultry

The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is responsible for certification of meat, poultry and processed egg products. Exporters are encouraged to confirm product export requirements on the FSIS Export Library webpage for [meat and poultry products](#), which contain information on eligible and ineligible products for certification, as well as slaughter, processing, labelling, marking and all other documentation requirements.

FSIS Forms 9135-3 and 9135-3A, Official Meat Inspection Certificate for Export of Meat and Poultry Products to Canada, certify that U.S. meat and poultry exports to Canada meet the eligibility, safety and wholesomeness requirements laid out in the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations for imports of meat and poultry from the United States. Additional information can be found on the [FSIS Procedures, Requirements & Exporter Responsibilities for Canada webpage](#). Instructions for completing FSIS Forms 9135-3 and 9135-3A can be found [here](#). (Note: FSIS Forms 9135-3 and 9135-3A must be signed by an official Veterinarian.)

- **Tip:** Your shipment may be detained, returned or destroyed by CBSA if the shipment export certificate number (on the original export certificate) does not match the number used on the export certificate stickers adhered to individual containers.

B.2. Certain Products of Meat Origin

On May 14, 2020, CFIA published guidance establishing the use of an FDA CFSAN Certificate to a Foreign Government for broths, flavors or extracts of meat origin from the United States. Previously, broths, flavors, or extracts of meat origin exported to Canada from the United States generally required an FSIS export certificate or, for products from an FDA-regulated facility, a CFIA Letter of Exemption or an Importer Attestation. CFIA will continue to accept these Letters and Attestations through October 31, 2020, after which date CFIA will require with an FSIS export certificate or a CFG. Please see FAS/Canada GAIN Report [CA2020-0054](#) for additional information, including a list of product HS codes to which this certificate applies.

B.3. Meat and Poultry Label Verification

Exporters of meat and poultry products should read the [Labeling Requirements](#) section of the Export Library closely. Certain labels applied to U.S. meat and poultry exports must be approved by FSIS. Labels that deviate from U.S. domestic requirements must be submitted, along with supporting documentation verifying Canadian government acceptance of the deviation, to the [FSIS Labeling and Program Delivery Staff](#) (LPDS).¹ LPDS recommends U.S. exporters obtain an e-authentication account and process label approval requests through the online [Label Submission and Approval System \(LSAS\)](#). However, paper applications for label approval submissions ([FSIS Form 7234-1](#)) may be mailed to:

USDA, FSIS, OPPD, LPDD
Labeling Distribution Unit
Stop Code 3786, Patriots Plaza III, 8-168
1400 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20250-3700

For additional information, please contact LPDS at 1-800-233-3935 or visit [askFSIS](#).

- **Tip:** Consult the FSIS [Do's and Don'ts](#) for submitting Form 7234-1.

B.4. Eggs and Processed Egg Products

Eggs and egg products are import controlled products and subject to a tariff rate quota (TRQs) system in Canada. U.S. exporters must work with a Canadian importer that has available 'quota' to legally import eggs. Requirements for U.S. egg product exports to Canada may vary from state to state, and U.S. producers are urged to review [the requirements](#) before shipping. FSIS inspectors issue an Egg Product Export Certificate of Wholesomeness ([FSIS Form 9060-5EP](#)) for each export shipment.

For processed products containing small amounts of egg products (such as imitation egg products, frozen egg patties, and frozen omelets) manufacturers may voluntarily participate in the [Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Verification \(PEEPEV\) Program](#) operated by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). The USDA processed egg and egg products export certificate (Form LPS-234) is used to verify that the processed egg products and hard-cooked eggs are wholesome for export. A list of companies approved to export these products to Canada is available [here](#).

For questions concerning shipments of FDA-regulated products containing eggs that were previously certified by FSIS, contact FSIS at 1-855-444-9904 or by e-mail at importexport@fsis.usda.gov

B.5. Ready-to-Eat Products - EV Program

This program was initially established for closed-faced sandwiches exported to Canada. Canadian requirements dictate that closed-faced sandwiches be produced under a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and *Listeria monocytogenes* control plans. Only those manufacturing establishments participating in this EV program are eligible to export to Canada. For more information on the EV program, please refer to the [Microbiological Testing Program for RTE products](#).

C. Bison - USDA Export Verification (EV) Program

Meat and meat products derived from bison (or buffalo) are eligible for export to Canada. However, Canada applies the same bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) requirements for these products as applied for beef and beef products. Since U.S. BSE regulations do not apply to bison, meat and meat products derived from bison must be raised and produced under an approved [AMS Export Verification \(EV\) program](#). Only those suppliers meeting the requirements of the EV program are eligible to export specified products to Canada. Additional information about the [EV program](#) and a [list of EV approved establishments](#) can be found on the AMS website.

D. Pet Foods

D.1. Veterinary Export Certificate for Processed, Shelf-Stable Pet Foods, Treats, and Compound Chews

As of July 1, 2016, all export shipments of U.S.-origin, heat-processed, shelf-stable pet foods, treats, and compound must be certified for export to Canada by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) on the basis of APHIS inspection and approval of the manufacturing facilities. For the latest requirements, restrictions and certificates for APHIS-regulated pet foods exported to Canada, please visit [APHIS International Regulations \(IRegs\) site](#) and [this webpage](#).

D.2. Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for Export of Unprocessed (Raw) Pet Foods from a Bovinae Approved Facility to Canada

CFIA defines biologically appropriate raw food (BARF) diets as “biologically appropriate raw food or bones and raw food diets.” A typical BARF diet is made up of 60-80 percent raw meaty bones, that is bones with about 50 percent meat (e.g., chicken necks, backs, and wings) and 20-40 percent fruits and vegetables, offal, meat, eggs, or dairy. CFIA requires all facilities involved in the production of raw, unprocessed BARF pet foods or diets to be inspected and approved by APHIS VS prior to issuance of the APHIS certificate and export to Canada. For more information on how to obtain facility approval, U.S. companies should contact their [local VS Service Center](#).

For more information on the procedures and requirements for exporting animal products, or to obtain a zoosanitary certificate for an animal product, exporters should contact the [VS Field Office](#) covering the area from which the product will be exported, the area in which the exporter office is located, or the area in which the product is manufactured.

E. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable - Inspection Certificate

All fruits and vegetables imported into Canada must meet the requirements of the [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations](#). Apples, onions and potatoes require an inspection certificate indicating minimum Canadian import requirements for quality, labelling, and packaging are met. However, there could be phytosanitary/plant health certificate requirements as well, depending on the commodity, state of origin, and provincial destination. More information on the requirements for importing fruits and vegetables is available on this [CFIA website](#) and the [AMS export verification and certificate website](#). Please contact the nearest [Specialty Crops Inspection Division field office](#) for more information or to request an export certificate.

The importation of leafy green vegetables from the United States are limited to those growers and suppliers that have met the Leafy Green Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) food safety guidelines and are a signatory to the California Leafy Green Products Handler Marketing Agreement. Import requirements for U.S. leafy greens are on [this CFIA webpage](#).

Information on exemptions from U.S. inspection and certification under the Export Apple Act for U.S. apple shipments to Canada weighing more than 100 pounds can be found [here](#). Please note that such shipments would still have to be inspected and certified to the requirements (if any) of the Ministerial Exemption under which the import shipment would occur.

F. Live Animals and Live Reproductive Organisms - Animal Health Export Certificate

APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) issues health certificates certifying the herd and animal health status for live animals and live reproductive organisms exported from the United States. Depending on the type of animal, additional tests and vaccinations may be required.

Visit the [APHIS IREGS website](#) for the most up-to-date information on export requirements and restrictions related to live animal exports to Canada.

Travelling and Shipment of Pets to Canada

Although the scope of this report is largely focused on commercial shipments, FAS/Canada periodically receives calls from U.S. visitors traveling with or shipping their pets to Canada. While, certification is not required for cats or dogs, CBSA may request vaccination records. In addition, inspection fees and quarantine may be required for certain pets. Visitors are encouraged to work closely with their veterinarian to ensure necessary documents are prepared before traveling. The latest information related to pets entering Canada is on the [CFIA webpage](#).

G. Plant and Plant Products Phytosanitary Certificate

APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) is responsible for issuing the phytosanitary certificate attesting that plants or plant products are free from quarantine pests, practically free from other injurious pests, and conform to the current phytosanitary regulations of Canada. For more information, please visit the [APHIS PPQ export website](#) and the [Phytosanitary Export Database](#) (PExD).

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificates

U.S. exporters are recommended to first contact their [local state agencies](#). U.S. food and agricultural companies should be aware there may be user fees on certain commercial shipments. Please check with the respective authorizing government office. See below for the nearest contact.

U.S. Contact Information:

Name of Certificate	Issuing Authority	U.S. Contact
Certificate for Export of Meat and Poultry Products to Canada	FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service District Offices Email: MPHotline.fsis@usda.gov Tel. 1-888-674-6854

Name of Certificate	Issuing Authority	U.S. Contact
Export Certificate - Bison EV Program	AMS	Export Verification Program AMS Quality Assurance Division E-mail: QAD.BusinessOps@ams.usda.gov Phone: 501-312-2962
Export Certificate - RTE EV Program	AMS	AMS Microbiological Testing Program National Science Laboratories E-mail: NationalScienceLaboratories@ams.usda.gov Phone: 704-867-3873
Export Certificate - Table Eggs Program &	AMS	List of Plants Approved to Export Table Eggs to Canada
Export Certificate - PEEPEV Program	AMS	The Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Verification (PEEPEV) Program Quality Assessment Division, Auditing EV.Export@usda.gov Phone: 501-766-4782
National Organic Program	AMS	National Organic Program Staff Directory
Export Certificate - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Certificate	AMS	Specialty Crops Inspection Contacts
Animal Health Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	APHIS	APHIS IRegs Veterinary Services Service Center Directory Animal Exports Call Center: 301-851-3300 Animals Products: asknies.products@usda.gov Live Animals: VS-Live.Animals_Import.Permits@aphis.usda.gov
Phytosanitary Certificate for Plants and Plant Products	APHIS	Plant Export Information Email: PPQExportServices@usda.gov Phone: 301-851-2309
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Inspection Certificate	NOAA	NOAA Regional Offices Directory
U.S. Food Drug Agency (FDA) Certificate of Exportability	FDA	FDA Export Certification Contact List Email: CFSANExportCertification@fda.hhs.gov Phone: 240-402-2307

Section IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements

A. All Products: USMCA Certification of Origin

The USMCA Certification of Origin is required to be submitted to CBSA at the time of import notification (at least 1 hour (highway carriers), 2 hours (rail carriers), 4 hours (air carriers), or 24 hours (marine carriers) in advance). The USMCA certification of origin can be applied to multiple shipments of identical for a period of up to 12 months. The certification of origin can be supplied by an importer, exporter, or producer. Shipments with an estimated duty value of \$3,300 CAD or less [do not require](#) a USMCA certification of origin.

B. Meat, Poultry and Processed Egg Products

See Section II B.

C. Bison – USDA Export Verification (EV) Program

See Section II C. Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee) must contain the following information:

- Clearly identified product type and quantity
- One of the following applicable statements:
 - “Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Canada and for the EU” for finished items eligible for export;
 - “Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Canada and for the EU excluding final fabrication requirements” for products that must be further fabricated to meet all requirements prior to being eligible to export.

D. Pet Foods

D.1. Veterinary Export Certificate for Processed, Shelf-Stable Pet Foods, Treats, and Compound Chews

As the APHIS Veterinary Certificate for Processed, Shelf-Stable Pet Foods, Treats, and Compound Chews can cover multiple shipments within a 30-day window, original copies of the export certificate are not required upon entry. Every shipment should be accompanied by a copy of the endorsed export certificate. Each shipment imported into Canada with a USA Multiple Shipment Export Certificates must be accompanied by an [Importer’s Statement of Compliance](#), containing the shipment specific information. Import conditions and the information required on the Importer’s Statement of Compliance can be found in the CFIA’s [Import Policy for Pet food and Treats Containing Animal Products and By-Products](#).

D.2. Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for Export of Unprocessed (Raw) Pet Foods from a Bovinae Approved Facility to Canada

For APHIS Veterinary Services to certify U.S.-origin pet foods using the Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for Export of Unprocessed (Raw) Pet Foods from a Bovinae Approved Facility to Canada:

- The exporter must present a valid, current [import permit](#) issued by CFIA allowing entry of the products to be exported;

- If the exporter is not the approved manufacturing facility, the exporter must provide documentation to show that the pet foods for export were manufactured in facilities approved by APHIS/VS; and
- The VS Area Office must verify that the manufacturing facility (ies) has/have been approved by VS and are listed in the APHIS internal database as being approved to export the pertinent product to Canada with a last validated inspection date in the previous 365 days.

E. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable - Inspection Certificate

Specific requirements for importation of U.S. potatoes, apples and onions are explained on [this CFIA website](#). Generally, these products must be accompanied by an AMS-issued serially numbered certificate including the language "Meets Canadian Import Requirements for Grades, Packaging, Labelling and Standard Container Size." Shipments must be accompanied at the Canadian port of entry by an original serially numbered certificate or evidence in the form of a facsimile or a copy of an email message issued by AMS establishing that Canadian requirements for grades, packaging, and labelling are met.

F. Live Animals and Live Reproductive Organisms - Animal Health Export Certificate

For all commodities other than Aquaculture / Aquatic Animals to Canada, USDA Accredited Veterinarians may issue health certificates electronically through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System ([VEHCS](#)). APHIS-endorsed, printed paper copies of appropriate export certificates and required additional forms must accompany the shipment at port of entry. Certain animals may only pass through certain ports of entry. For animal-specific requirements, exporters are encouraged to consult the APHIS [IREGS website](#).

G. Plant and Plant Products Phytosanitary Certificate

Authorized certifying officials at the county, state or federal level may sign required phytosanitary certificates to accompany shipments of U.S. plants and plant materials to Canada. Exporters should consult the APHIS [Phytosanitary Export Directory](#) (PExD) and CFIA [AIRS](#) system to confirm the latest requirements for products to be exported.

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Purpose/ Attestation	Issuing Authority	Authority Requiring Certificate
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Specialty Crops Program (SC) Export Form Certificate Forms SC-205 and SC-205-1	Grading and Quality	AMS	CFIA
Live Animals, Honeybees	Animal Health Export Certificate VS Form 16-4	Animal Health	APHIS	CFIA
Plant and Plant	Phytosanitary Certificate	Plant Health,	APHIS	CFIA

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Purpose/ Attestation	Issuing Authority	Authority Requiring Certificate
Products	PPQ Form 572 PPQ Form 577 PPQ Form 578 PPQ Form 579	Freedom from Pests		
Fish and Seafood	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Seafood Inspection Program, APHIS Aquatic Animal Health Export Certificate, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Export Permit	Sanitation, Grading, Food Safety, Wholesomeness, Animal Health, Eligibility of Species	NOAA, APHIS, FWS	CFIA, CBSA, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
Other Foods	FDA Certificate of Exportability CFSAN eCATS	Product Meets U.S. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act Requirements	FDA	CFIA

Section V. Other Export Certification/Accreditation Requirements

A. NOAA Inspection Certificate

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) [Seafood Inspection Program](#) offers a variety of professional inspection services that ensure compliance with all applicable food regulations. In addition, product quality evaluation, grading and [certification services](#) on a product lot basis are provided. Benefits of obtaining a certificate include the ability to apply official marks, such as the U.S. Grade A, Processed Under Federal Inspection (PUFI) and Lot Inspection. Additional information on certification requirements for Canada is on [this NOAA webpage](#).

B. Products Regulated by the Food and Drug Administration

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issues a Certificate of Exportability for some products destined for Canada, including food additives, supplements, infant formula and medical foods. Some of these certificates are on a voluntary basis. They generally indicate that the product is marketed in the United States and eligible for export. Such certificates are neither guarantees nor a certification of the product's safety nor its quality. Certificates of Exportability are issued at the request of a U.S. company by the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) or by a state governmental authority.

For more information, contact [export certification offices within CFSAN](#) and visit the [FDA export webpage](#).

C. Organic



On June 17, 2009, the United States and Canada [jointly announced](#) an organic equivalence arrangement, the first one of its kind. The equivalence arrangement followed a review by both nations of the other's organic certification program and a determination that products meeting the standard in the United States can be sold as organic in Canada, and vice versa.

Producers and processors that are certified to the [USDA National Organic Program](#) (NOP) standards by a USDA-accredited certifying agent do not have to become separately certified to the [Canada Organic Standards](#) in order for their products to be represented as organic in Canada. Likewise, Canadian organic products certified to COS may be sold or labeled in the United States as organically produced. Both the USDA Organic seal and the Canada Organic/Biologique logo can be used on certified products from both countries. More information on the [equivalence arrangement](#) can be found on the [CFIA Organic Products webpage](#). Information on specific requirements for U.S. organic products exported to Canada can be found on [this AMS webpage](#).

U.S. firms are reminded that the import and sale of organic food products in Canada are governed by the same rules and regulations that apply to non-organic food products. No distinction is made between organic and non-organic food with regard to import requirements. Currently, all Canadian packaging and labeling, grade, and inspection regulations apply equally to organic and non-organic foods. Organic claims are required to be printed in English and French.

Example: FSIS Form 9135-3, Certificate for Export of Meat and Poultry Products

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Example: Pet Food and Treats Certificate (1 of 3)

Health Certificate Number: _____

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**VETERINARY EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR PROCESSED¹ PET FOOD/CHEWS/TREATS
CONTAINING ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA TO CANADA**

Consignor (Name and Address):	Consignee (Name and Address):
Processing Plant (Name and Address) and USDA-APHIS approval number if applicable²:	Description of product(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Pet foods and/or pet treats with no bovine-origin ingredients except exempt ingredients (e.g., milk or milk products, hide-derived gelatin or collagen, and tallow with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% by weight). <input type="checkbox"/> Pet foods and/or pet treats with non-exempt bovine-origin ingredients.
Intended end use :	RESALE
Port of Entry:	Any Canadian Port of entry
Date of Endorsement: mm/dd/yyyy	Date of Certificate Expiration³: mm/dd/yyyy
Means of transportation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Rail

Example: Pet Food and Treats Certificate (2 of 3)

Health Certificate Number: _____

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I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), certify that this office has on file a valid APHIS approval(s) of the manufacturing facility(ies) to verify the accuracy of the statements below:

1. The certified pet food and/or pet treats were processed in a facility or facilities located in the USA or Canada and authorized by the official competent veterinary authority in the country of origin to manufacture pet food containing animal products and by-products.²
2. The certified pet foods and/or pet treats in the shipment may include the following [check all that apply]:
 - ☐ Pet foods and/or pet treats with no bovine-origin ingredients except exempt ingredients (e.g., milk or milk products, hide-derived gelatin or collagen, and tallow with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% by weight).
 - ☐ Pet foods and/or pet treats with non-exempt bovine-origin ingredients.
3. In the case of pet foods or pet treats containing tallow, the tallow used is protein-free with a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% by weight.
4. In the case of pet foods or pet treats containing bovine meat, offal, or any bovine ingredients other than exempt ingredients, they meet the following requirements:

a. Bovine-origin raw materials [meat/offals]:

i. were harvested in the United States from U.S.-origin bovine or legally imported bovine that:

- were presented live for slaughter AND
- were not subjected to a stunning process prior to slaughter, with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process, and were humanely rendered unconscious prior to being bled

AND/OR [check all that apply]:

ii. Were legally imported from a country or countries recognized by the CFIA to be of :

☐ Negligible BSE Risk Status⁴ OR

☐ Controlled BSE Risk Status [Insert name of country or countries]:

_____ and that:

- do not contain AND
- have not been contaminated with bovine specified risk materials (SRMs)⁵.

b. All bovine-origin rendered protein materials⁶ originate only from countries of Negligible BSE Risk Status.

5. The certified pet foods and/or pet treats were sufficiently heat processed to ensure the destruction of pathogens that represent a risk to public or animal health.
6. Precautions were taken to prevent cross-contamination of the finished products with any animal origin product or by-product derived from animals of a lesser zoosanitary status.

Example: Pet Food and Treats Certificate (3 of 3)

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Official Seal	
	Signature of Official Veterinarian
	Name of Signatory (in capital letters)
	Title of Signatory (in capital letters)

Notes:

- 1: "Processed" includes only heat treated and shelf-stable products.
- 2: In the case of multiple pet food manufacturing facilities, please attach addendum with complete list of names and either addresses OR USDA-APHIS approval numbers (if applicable).
- 3: This certificate will be valid for 30 days after veterinary endorsement. Shipments of thermally processed pet food/chews/treats certified under this protocol must arrive at the Canadian port prior to the expiration date.
- 4: The CFIA follows the OIE categorization of countries for BSE Risk Status
- 5: The term SRM refers to Specified Risk Materials of bovine animals originating from countries other than Negligible BSE Risk Status. SRMs include: the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, spinal cord and vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae and the wings of the sacrum), the palatine tonsils from bovine animals aged 30 months and older and the distal ileum from bovine animals of all ages.
- 6: Bovine-origin animal proteins /processed proteins include those bovine-origin products produced in rendering facilities, including animal origin meals such as rendered meals, protein digests, hydrolysates, etc.

Example: SC-205 – USDA AMS Specialty Crops Program Export Form Certificate



CMB No. 0681-0143
Exp. 08/20/2019

SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM
EXPORT FORM CERTIFICATE

X-EXAMPLE

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Example: PPQ Form 572 - Application for Inspection and Certification of Plants and Plant Products

No Phytosanitary Export Certificate can be issued until an application is completed (7 CFR 353).

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE		APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT		INSTRUCTIONS: APPLICANT - Forward original to the Officer in Charge where inspections, treatment, and certification will be given (Item 4). Complete items 1 thru 11. OFFICER - Complete items 12 thru 17.
1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER		3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (or exporters agent) <div style="text-align: right;">AREA CODE AND PHONE NO.</div>		
2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FOREIGN CONSIGNEE		4. PLACE WHERE ARTICLES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AND/OR TREATMENT AND CERTIFICATION (Port and location)		
		5. APPROX. DATE OF DEPARTURE		6. PORT OF EXPORT
7. DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES TO BE CERTIFIED				
a. QUANTITY AND NAME OF PRODUCE AND BOTANICAL NAME				
b. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES				
c. DISTINGUISHING MARKS				
d. CERTIFIED ORIGIN				
8. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE		<i>I certify that the origin (place where grown) of the articles listed is as represented.</i>		
9. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY		10. SIGNATURE (applicant or exporters agents)		11. DATE
EXPORT INSPECTION DATA - (To be filled in by Plant Protection and Quarantine Officer)				
12. LOCATION OF ARTICLES		13. % OF MATERIALS EXAMINED		14. % OF MATERIALS INFESTED
15. FINDINGS AND/OR TREATMENT GIVEN (Use reverse if necessary)				
16. SIGNATURE				17. DATE AND TIME INSPECTED

PPQ FORM 572
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Example: LPS-234 USDA Processed Eggs and Egg Products Export Certificate

OMB APPROVED NO. 0581-NFW

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND SEED PROGRAM

USDA PROCESSED EGG AND EGG PRODUCTS EXPORT CERTIFICATE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNOR/EXPORTER: SAMPLE		CERTIFICATE NUMBER: SAMPLE	
		COMPETENT AUTHORITY: SAMPLE	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE/IMPORTER: SAMPLE			
STATE OF ORIGIN: SAMPLE			
COUNTRY OF DESTINATION: SAMPLE			
PLACE OF LOADING: SAMPLE			
MEANS OF TRANSPORT: SAMPLE		DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY: SAMPLE	
CONDITIONS OF TRANSPORT/STORAGE: SAMPLE			
PRODUCER/MANUFACTURER: SAMPLE		DATE OF PACKING: SAMPLE	TYPE OF PACKING: SAMPLE
NAME OF PRODUCTS: SAMPLE		NUMBER OF PACKAGES: SAMPLE	NET WEIGHT: SAMPLE
ATTESTATIONS: SAMPLE			
CERTIFICATION			
DATE: SAMPLE	PRINTED NAME: SAMPLE		
	SIGNATURE:		

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Glossary of Acronyms

AMS – Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA
AIRS – Automated Import Reference System
APHIS – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of USDA
CBP – Bureau of Customs and Border Protection
CBSA – Canada Border Service Agency
CFIA – Canadian Food Inspection Agency
COPR – Canada Organic Products Regulations
EV – Export Verification
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
FSIS – Food Safety and Inspection Service of USDA
HACCP – Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
NAFTA – North American Free Trade Agreement
NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOP – National Organic Program
PPQ – Plant Protection and Quarantine
RTE – Ready-To-Eat
SFCA – Safe Food for Canadians Act
SFCR – Safe Food for Canadians Regulations
SRTG – State Regional Trade Groups
USCOEA – United States-Canada Organic Equivalence Arrangement

Attachments:

No Attachments