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Report Highlights:

The report lists and describes certificates that should accompany food and agricultural products to Israel. It also includes the purpose of each certificate and the governmental agency responsible. In general, an original invoice, bill of lading, packing list, weighing list, health certificate, batch number certificate, invoice declaration, and insurance certificate are required to accompany any shipment. An export certificate matrix is included in this report. This report supplements the Israel Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) - Country Report 2019.

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SECTION I: Required Export Certificates:

-	Title of Continuation		D	Descritions
Product (s)	Title of Certification	Attestation	Purpose	Requesting
		Required		Ministry
All Products	Export Certificate		Heath/Free Sale	MOAG, MoH
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	(FDA Certificate of Free		Certificate	
	Sale, Certificate to a			
	Foreign Government or			
	Sanitary/Health			
	Certificate ¹)			
	Invoice Declaration ²		Origin of Product	MOAG, MoH
Grains and	Phytosanitary Certificate		Health Certificate	MOAG, MoH
Oilseeds	(APHIS)			,
(Human				
Consumption)	Grain Inspection		Weight, Grade	MOAG, MoH
	Certificate (FGIS)			
	Stowage Examination		Free of pests and	MOAG, MoH
	Certificate (FGIS)		contaminates	
	Fumigation Certificate		Health Certificate	MOAG, MoH
	(if applicable)			
	Weight Certificate (FGIS)		Weight	MOAG, MoH
Meat, Poultry,	Kosher Slaughter		Religious	Chief Rabbinate of
and Products ³	Certificate		Certification	Israel
	Meat and Poultry Export	NOTE: Specific	Health Certificate	MOAG, MoH
	Certificate of	attestations are		
	Wholesomeness ⁴	required. See Section		
		III for details.		
	(FSIS)			

Table 1: Required Export Certificates

¹ Export certificates are issued by a number of US agencies, depending on product. Please see example certificates in Appendix III: FDA – Processed Products; AMS – Dairy Products; FGIS – Grains and Oilseeds; FSIS – Meat and Poultry; NOAA – Fish and Seafood Products.

² Note that the *Certificate of Origin for Exporting to Israel* has been replaced with an "Invoice Declaration", see <u>Certificate of Origin update</u>

³ Note that any processed products containing meat or poultry must meet the same requirements listed under Meat, Poultry, and Products.

⁴ For additional requirements of meat, poultry, and products see the <u>FSIS Export Library</u>.

Product (s)	Title of Certification	Attestation Required	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
	FSIS Letterhead Certificate	NOTE: Specific attestations are required. See Section III for details.	Health Certificate	MOAG, MoH
Fish and Fish Products	Export Health Certificate and Certificate of Origin (NOAA)		Health Certificate	МоН
Dairy Products	Sanitary Certificate (AMS)		Health Certificate	МоН
	Certificate of Analysis			МоН
Fruits and Vegetables	Phytosanitary Certificate (APHIS)		Phytosanitary Certificate	MOAG, MoH
Live Animals	Veterinary Health Certificate (APHIS)	NOTE: Specific attestations are required. See Section III for details.	Health Certificate	MOAG

Ministry of Agriculture (MOAG), Ministry of Health (MoH)

Sensitive Products

Israel divides food products broadly into sensitive and non-sensitive products. Israeli authorities have more stringent certificate requirements for those goods listed as sensitive. While non-sensitive products may require only a sanitary or health certificate, sensitive products could require additional certification such as a manufacturing license (ISO 9001 or 22000), GMP certificate, or a certificate of thermal treatment for low acid canned goods. A list of sensitive food products can be found in Appendix I. Exporters should work closely with Israeli importers on verifying and meeting certificate requirements for sensitive products.

Animal Feeds

Israel groups animal feeds into ten categories, each of which maintains a distinct certificate requirement. Exporters of these products should be aware of the group that includes their specific product and the certificate requirements for that group of products. Table 2 lays out the groups and their requirements. Appendix II includes more detail regarding the definition of each feed group.

Note that the requirement for a Plant Accreditation Certificate can generally be met with ISO 9001/2000 standard or similar (GMP, HACCP or equivalent).

Group	Invoice	Cert of	Plant	Vet Cert	Cert of	Cert of Free	Cert of
	Declara tion	Analysis	Accredita tion Cert		Composition	Sale	Nutritional Analysis
Group I: Major Grains (i.e. wheat, maize, sorghum, barley, rye, oats, triticale, lupine)	Yes	For pesticide residue, mycotoxins and heavy metals					
Group II: Minor Grains	Yes	For aflatoxins					
Group III: Plants and Products Thereof		For pesticide residue, mycotoxins and heavy metals	Yes for processed products				
Group IV: Veg Oils & Fats		For dioxins and heavy metals	Yes				
Group V: Milk Replacers		For nutritional value		Yes	Yes		
Group VI: Animal Products and Byproducts (incl. rendered products, dairy remains, microorganisms, animal fats)		For dioxins and heavy metals for animal fats. Cert of Analysis excluding the presence of proteins of mammal origin in meals.		Yes			
Group VII: Feed Additives		For active ingredients. For minerals, a Cert of Analysis for heavy metals and dioxin	Yes		Yes	Yes, or cert attesting to gov't supervision of production	Yes
Group VIII: Complete Feeds			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Table 2: Animal Feed Groups and Certificate Requirements

Group	Invoice Declara tion	Cert of Analysis	Plant Accredita tion Cert	Vet Cert	Cert of Composition	Cert of Free Sale	Cert of Nutritional Analysis
(Pet and Farm)							
Group IX: Complete and Supplementary Feedstuffs (incl. fish feed)		For pesticide residues, mycotoxins and heavy metals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Group X: Premixes		For heavy metals and dioxin for mineral premixes	Yes	Yes, if contain animal components	Yes	Yes, or cert attesting to gov't supervision of production	

SECTION II: Purpose of Specific Export Certificate

(See Section I above)

SECTION III: Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificates

Beef and Beef Products

Beef and beef products exported from the US must be accompanied by an Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS 9060-5) and a Letterhead Certificate issued by the USDA/FSIS veterinary inspector at the U.S. slaughter facility. Both certificates must be signed and stamped by the attending veterinarian.

The Export Certificate of Wholesomeness must attest the following:

- *I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that the meat/offals/meat products specified above are from animals that were approved for export to Israel following an antemortem and postmortem veterinary inspection as provided by law and regulations of the exporting country.*
- The said products conform with the requirements and procedures for the approval of slaughterhouses, meat boning, and cooling facilities for the export of meat and offals to Israel and are at the time of loading fit for human consumption.

If exporting bovine brain, spinal cord, thymus, spleen, and intestinal tract the following attestation must be included:

• The animals from which these products derived had not been fed with ingredients of animal origin (except milk products).

The Letterhead Certificate must attest to the following:

- The United States complies with the conditions of a Negligible BSE risk country by the OIE.
- The cattle from which the beef and beef offal were derived were born in the United States or legally imported.
- The cattle from which the beef and beef offal were derived were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat and bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants had been effectively enforced.
- The beef and beef offal originate from cattle from a country or zone/county free of Foot and Mouth Disease without vaccination since birth or the previous 3 months, or were legally imported and a Rift Valley fever free country or zone/county since birth or for the 30 days prior to slaughter.
- The beef and beef offal were subject to testing for chemical residues in accordance with the FSIS National Residue Program sampling plans.

Note that these certificates are in addition to the required *kosher* slaughter requirements and certifications. Exporters of beef or beef products are urged to work closely with Israeli importers, as well as check the <u>FSIS Export Library</u> for the latest updates.

Live Animals

Israel requires that live animals be accompanied with a veterinary health certificate issued not more than ten days prior to arrival. That certificate should be issued by a veterinarian that is accredited by the USDA and endorsed by USDA/APHIS after issuance. More details on exporting pets can be found <u>here</u>. In addition, the Israeli Import Procedure for Cats and Dogs (Hebrew) is available <u>online</u>.

The veterinary health certificate for dogs and cats must attest that:

- *At the time of examination, it did not exhibit any symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases*
- They have been vaccinated against rabies no more than one year and no less than 30 days prior to their arrival in Israel.
- Not less than 30 days after the rabies vaccination, a serological test for the animal, carried out on a sample taken by an approved veterinarian and tested in an OIE-approved laboratory, which states that the rabies neutralizing antibody titer was equal to or greater than 0, 5 IU/ml. The rabies titer test is valid for all lifelong of the animal if the dog/cat is vaccinated against rabies annually or according the vaccine manufacture instruction.

SECTION IV: Government Export Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

The general principles of certification for a consignment of animals or products of animal origin are detailed below and can also be found in Appendix III.

General Principles of Certification:

• The representative of the competent authority of dispatch issuing a certificate to accompany a consignment of animals or animal origin must sign the certificate and ensure that it bears an

official stamp. This requirement applies to each sheet of the certificate if it consists of more than one.

- Certificates must be drawn up in English. However, it is possible to certify bilingually for the official language of the exporting country and English.
- The original version of the certificate must accompany consignments on entry into Israel.
- Certificates must consist of:
 - A single sheet of paper; or

Two or more pages that are part of a single and indivisible sheet of paper; or A sequence of papers numbered so as to indicate that it is a particular page in a finite sequence (for example, 'page 2 of 4').

- Certificates must bear a unique identifying number. Where the certificate consists of a sequence of pages, each page must indicate this number.
- The original veterinary health certificate must bear the word "ORIGINAL". Copies of the veterinary health certificate must bear the word "COPY".
- The certificate must be issued before the consignment to which it relates leaves the control of the competent authority of the country of dispatch.
- The color of the stamp and signature must be different then to that of the other particulars in the certificate.
- Near each addition or correction, a signature and an official stamp must be added. Any deletion in the certificate should be in a manner that the deleted should be readable.

SECTION V: Other Certification Requirements to Ensure Market Entry

Invoice Declaration

The Certificate of Origin for Exporting to Israel has been replaced with an "Invoice Declaration", see <u>Certificate of Origin update.</u>

Packing List

A certificate from the exporter listing the content of the shipment.

Animal Feed

Importation of animal feed is regulated under the <u>2014 Control of Animal Feed Law</u> (Hebrew). The law regulates the production and marketing of animal feed.

Live Animals (including semen and embryos)

Importation of Live Animals (including semen and embryos) is regulated under <u>Animal Disease</u> <u>Regulations (Imports of Animals) 1974</u>. Further details on the importation of pets are available in Section III.

Other Products of Animal Origin

The importation of products of animal orgin is regulated under the <u>Animal Disease Regulations (Import</u> and Export of Animal Products) 1988.

For the purpose of these regulations, *animal products* are considered the carcass of animal, inclusive of any part of an animal including blood and its components, skin, hide, bones, internal organs, hooves,

horns, wool, hair, bristles, feathers, dung, and including meal, processed fat, and other products derived from animal products, or material containing any such part used for the feeding of animals or the preparation of animal feed.

Food

Importation of food is regulated under the <u>Public Health Protection (Food) Law 2015</u>. Food imports to Israel can be broadly divided into two categories: sensitive and non-sensitive products. A list of sensitive food products can be found in Appendix I. The importation of sensitive food products often requires specific analysis, for instance in the case of milk products the Certificate of Analysis must include a phosphate and microbiological analysis.

Plants and Plant Products

Under Israeli plant regulation, certain low-risk plant materials may be imported without a phytosanitary certificate. In these cases, the products are required to be accompanied by an invoice declaration. The specific products that are eligible for the exception are enumerated in Figure 1. Exporters that believe their products may be eligible for this exemption are encouraged to review Israeli <u>Plant Protection</u> <u>Regulations (Plant Import, Plant Products, Pests and Regulated Articles) - 2009</u> and work closely with Israeli importers.

Figure 1: Goods Requiring only a Certificate of Origin⁵

Goods exempt from the requirement for an Import Permit and Phytosanitary Certificate but requiring a Certificate of Origin

סוג הטובין Type of goods (1) Dried fruit, dried vegetables and dried פירות מיובשים, ירקות מיובשים ותבלינים (1) מיובשים; herbs: (2) Dried flowers, leaves and branches for פרחים, עלים וענפים מיובשים לחליטה; (2)herbal infusions: גרעינים יבשים למאכל, למספוא ולשמן, למעט (3) Dried grains for human consumption, (3) ; גרעיני כותנה animal feed or oil extraction, excluding cotton seeds (Gossypium hirsutum); מוצרי עץ ואדני רכבת, למעט בולי עץ, קליפות עץ (4) Wood products and railway sleepers, (4) ושבבי עץ; excluding wood logs, wood bark and wood chips; אגוזים למאכל ללא קליפה, למעט אגוזי אדמה (5) (5) Nuts, for human consumption, without ואגוזי פקאן; shells, excluding peanuts (Arachis hypogaea) and pecans (Carva illinoinensis); (6) One Etrog (Citrus medica) for personal use אתרוג אחד לשימוש עצמי לצרכי דת; (6) for religious purposes; (7) Cut flowers and branches -פרחים וענפים קטופים -(7) מיובשים, שעברו טיפול כימי או (a) Dried, having undergone a chemical (N) אידוי לפני משלוחם לארץ בהתאם לדרישות or fumigation treatment prior to המפורטות בספר הטיפולים, ובלבד שלמשלוח צורפה תעודה המאשרת את הטיפול או האידוי, shipment, in accordance with the חתומה בידי מי שהסמיך לכך שירות הגנת הצומח requirements detailed in the Treatment של ארץ המקור או ארץ המוצא, לפי הענין; Manual, and accompanied by an official Treatment Certificate issued by the Plant Protection Organization or of the country of origin or the country of export, as appropriate; טריים החופשיים מנגעים וללא (ב) (b) Fresh, free from pests, fruit, seed, and פירות, זרעים וחלקים תת קרקעיים כגון שורשים, any underground parts such as roots, פקעות, בצלים וקני שורש, שמקורם באירופה והם: corms, bulbs, or tubers, whose origin is Europe and of the following list:

טובין הפטורים מרשיון יבוא

ותעודת בריאות והחייבים

בתעודת מקור

For further information on the import procedure and requirements please refer the latest Israel FAIRS Country Report, Section IX: Import Procedures.

⁵ As noted earlier, Israel no longer requires a Certificate of Origin from the U.S. An "Invoice Declaration" replaced the Certificate of Origin. However, the requirement stands for all other countries.

Appendix I: Sensitive Food Products

1. Milk products, and milk products substitutes, that contain milk components
2. Meat and poultry products
3. Fish and fish products, including molluscs, crustaceans and marine animals from the echinoderms
group
4. Eggs and egg products
5. Honey and honey products
6. Products containing gelatin, or collagen products, or both, including products that contain collagen
7. Low acidic canned food (pH \geq = 4.5)
8. Food products that must be stored, kept or transported at a controlled temperature or at a defined
temperature, as defined by law, provided that the temperature is less than eight degrees Celsius
9. Food products for people with special nutritional needs, excluding food marked as "Gluten free",
as specified below:
a. Foods intended for consumption by infants and toddlers including formulas and foods
marked as supplementary foods;
b. Designated foods as defined by <u>law</u> (Hebrew), excluding foods marked "gluten free";
c. Foods intended to replace a daily diet, in whole or in part, including athletes' formulas or
supplements;
d. Dietary supplements as defined by <u>law</u> (Hebrew);
e. Vitamins, minerals and amino acids for use as a nutritional component in the food industry.
10. Mushrooms and mushroom mixtures, including products in which mushrooms are a main
ingredient
11. Microorganisms for use in the food industry or as a finished product
12. Bottled drinking water, mineral water and mineral water-based beverages
13. Edible food colors for the retail market
14. Khat leaves in their natural form intended for chewing
Source: Protection of Public Health (Food)(Declaration of Sensitive Food) 2019 (Hebrew)

Appendix II: Animal Feed Categories and Description) <u>ns</u>
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Animal Fee	d Categories and Descriptions
Group I	Major grains: wheat, maize, sorghum, barley, rye, oats, triticale and lupine
Group II	Minor grains: those not mentioned above
Group III	Plants, plant products and byproducts. By-products from flour mills, cakes, human food industry by-products and other plant by-products
Group IV	Vegetable oils and fats
Group V	Milk replacers
Group VI	Animal products and by-products rendering plant products, animal fats, dairy industry remains, and microorganisms
Group VII	Feed additives and for farm animals
Group VII	Complete pet foods, complementary food and food supplements; complete feed for other species (horses, laboratory animals, ornamental fish, ornamental birds etc.)
Group IX	Conditions for importing complete and supplementary feedstuffs for farm animals and fish
Group X	Premixes and raw materials

Appendix III: Example Certificates

MODEL PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

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LETTERHEAD CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF BEEF AND PRODUCTS



United States Department of Agriculture

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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Washington, D.C. 20250

Letterhead Certificate for Export of Beef, Beef Products, and Beef Offal to Israel

Date Issued: _____ Certificate Number: _____

- 1. The United States complies with the conditions of a Negligible BSE risk country by the OIE.
- 2. The cattle from which the beef and beef offal were derived were born in the United States or legally imported.
- The cattle from which the beef and beef offal were derived were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat and bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants had been effectively enforced.
- 4. The beef and beef offal originate from cattle from a country or zone/county free of Foot and Mouth Disease without vaccination since birth or the previous 3 months, or were legally imported and a Rift Valley fever free country or zone/county since birth or for the 30 days prior to slaughter.
- The beef and beef offal were subject to testing for chemical residues in accordance with the FSIS National Residue Program sampling plans.

Signature of Official Veterinarian:

Printed Name:

Title/Professional Degree:

Certificate Edition: 11/17/2016 FSIS Form 2630-9 (6/86)

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MEAT AND POULTRY EXPORT CERTIFICATE OF WHOLESOMENESS

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CERTIFICATION FOR CONSIGMNETS OF ANIMAL OR PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN



STATE OF ISRAEL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT VETERINARY SERVICES & ANIMAL HEALTH

General principles of certification

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- 2. Certificates must be drawn up in English. However, it is possible to certify bilingually, the official language of the exporting country and English.
- 3. The original version of the certificate must accompany consignments on entry into Israel.
- 4. Certificates must consist of:
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- (b)two or more pages that are part of a single and indivisible sheet of paper; or
- (c) a sequence of pages numbered so as to indicate that it is a particular page in a finite sequence (for example, 'page 2 of 4 pages').
- 5. Certificates must bear a unique identifying number. Where the certificate consists of a sequence of pages, each page must indicate this number.
- 6. The original veterinary health certificate must bear the word "ORIGINAL". Copies of the veterinary health certificate must bear the word "COPY".
- 7. The certificate must be issued before the consignment to which it relates leaves the control of the competent authority of the country of dispatch.
- 8. The color of the stamp and signature must be different then to that of the other particulars in the certificate.
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General principles of certification

Attachments:

No Attachments