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# Romania

# Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report

# **FAIRS Export Certificate Report**

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### **Report Highlights:**

Romania applies European Union (EU) regulations on imports of animal and non-animal products from third countries. Although most Romanian export-certification legislation is generally harmonized with the EU, some exceptions exist and Romanian regulations apply to some categories. This report should be read in conjunction with the EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) Export Certificate Report, as it provides comprehensive information about export certification applicable in Romania.

**DISCLAIMER**: This report was prepared by U.S. Embassy Bucharest's Office of Agricultural Affairs for U.S. exporters of domestically-produced food and agricultural products. While every effort was taken to ensure this report's accuracy, some information may not be completely accurate because policies have changed since publication, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. Post recommends that U.S. exporters verify all 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 that the consignment will be allowed to enter with only the documentation accompanying the consignment. If there is any doubt 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: <u>office@ansvsa.ro</u> with a description of the proposed import 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 Center.

Romania harmonized its national sanitary-veterinary requirements and export certificates in accordance with the EU. 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. In order to have comprehensive information about export certification, please read this report in conjunction with the <u>EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report.</u>

## A. Export Certificates/Requirements for Animal Products

Import requirements for animal products are provided by FSIS website in Romanian language along with the export certificate for each type of product. The export certificates for selected commodities in Romanian language are listed below:

- <u>Pork</u>
- Poultry meat
- <u>Meat Products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines</u>
- Fresh poultry meat for transit/storage
- <u>Meat Products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for transit/storage</u>
- Egg products transit/storage
- <u>Composite products transit or storage</u>

# **B.** Export Certificates/Requirements for Animals and Genetics

Bilingual Romanian/English health certificates for animals and genetics are available on the APHIS website (see below). If a bilingual certificate for a particular species or commodity is not listed below, please refer to the English version on the link to the <u>European Union</u>.

# **Bovine Embryos**

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

# **Bovine Semen**

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

#### **Equine Semen**

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

Information regarding the export certificates for other animals and genetics for the EU market is available on the USDA/APHIS website at <u>IRegs for Animal Exports Section</u>.

### 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 <u>International Plant Protection Convention of the Food and Agriculture</u> <u>Organization of the United Nations (IPPC)</u>. 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 <u>EU Council Directive 2000/29</u> transposed in Romania through Government Decision 563/2007 with subsequent amendments.

#### D. Export Certificates/Requirements for Non-harmonized Products

There are only few products/by-products 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 providing detailed information on export certificates:

- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
  - European Union Health Certification Program
- USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
  - International Animal Export Regulations
  - International Animal Products Export Regulations
  - <u>Plant Export Services</u>
- USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service
  - Export Requirements for the European Union
- Food and Drug Administration

- Exporting Food Products from the United States
- USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service; Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
  - <u>Official Certificates | Agricultural Marketing Service</u>
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
    - Export Certification to the European Union | NOAA Fisheries

#### **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 2020921 Bucharest, RomaniaE-mail: <a href="mailto:comunicare@madr.ro">comunicare@madr.ro</a>Website: <a href="http://www.madr.ro">http://www.madr.ro</a>

#### National Phytosanitary Authority

Voluntari Blvd. 11, 077190, Voluntari, Ilfov County Tel/Fax: 0212703254 Email: anf@anfdf.ro, fitosanitar@anfdf.ro Website: http://www.anfdf.ro

#### National Sanitary-Veterinary and for Food Safety Authority

P-ta Presei Libere nr. 1 Corp D1 Sector 1 013701 Bucharest, Romania E-mail: <u>office@ansvsa.ro</u> Website: <u>http://www.ansvsa.ro</u>

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

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