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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

This report provides an overview of the health and quarantine certificates needed for exporting food and agricultural products to Vietnam. Updates have been made to Section I.1 - Food, Section III.1 - Export Certificate for Meat and Meat Products and Section III.2 - Export Certificate for Seafood. No other changes have been made from the previous report.

Report Summary

The Government of Vietnam (GVN) has streamlined its requirements for pre-packaged processed food in 2018. Under new Decree 15/2018, that replaced Decree 38/2012 in guiding the implementation of the Food Safety Law, GVN no longer required food enterprises to register for the Announcement of Conformity with Food Safety Regulations with the Ministry of Health (MOH). Instead, food enterprises are now authorized to import and sell pre-packaged processed food immediately after publishing the Product Self-Declaration documentation (see GAIN report [VM8016](#)). However, Vietnam still maintains requirements on animal and plant health certificates for the importation of animals and animal products and plant and plant products, respectively. In particular, U.S. exports of meat and meat products and live aquatic animals for consumption in Vietnam require specific export certificates that have been negotiated and agreed upon by U.S. and Vietnamese authorities.

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Abbreviated terms for easy reference:

- GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices)
- HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points)
- ISO (International Standards Organization)
- MOH (Ministry of Health, Vietnam)
- VFA (Vietnam Food Administration)
- MARD (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam)
- DAH (Department of Animal Health, Vietnam)
- PPD (Plant Protection Department, Vietnam)
- DLP (Department of Livestock Production, Vietnam)
- DFISH (Directorate of Fisheries, MARD)
- NAFIQAD (National Agro-Forestry-Fishery Quality Assurance Department, Vietnam)
- APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States)
- FSIS (Food Safety and Inspection Service, United States)
- AMS (Agricultural Marketing Service, United States)
- DOC (Department of Commerce, United States)
- NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States)
- USFWS (United States Fish and Wildlife Service).
- CFS (Certificate of Free Sale)
- FBOs (Food Business Operators)
- USDEC (United States Dairy Export Council)

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

1. Food

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate/Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
Pre-packaged processed food	Law on Food Safety and Decree 15/2018/ND-CP	Certificate of GMP, HACCP, ISO 22000, IFS, BRC, FSSC 22000 or an equivalent certificate ¹ for application of reduced import inspection	
Health supplements	Law on Food Safety and Decree 15/2018/ND-CP MOH/VFA	Certificate of Free Sale ² , Certificate of Exportation or Health Certificate	
		Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or an equivalent certificate will be required starting July 01, 2019 ³	
Medical foods, food for special dietary uses.	Law on Food Safety and Decree 15/2018/ND-CP MOH/VFA	Certificate of Free Sale, Certificate of Exportation or Health Certificate	
Dietary products for children up to 36 months	Law on Food Safety and Decree 15/2018/ND-CP MOH/VFA	Certificate of Free Sale, Certificate of Exportation or Health Certificate	
Genetically Engineered (GE) and irradiated food	Law on Food Safety and Decree 15/2018/ND-CP MOH/VFA	Certificate of Free Sale or Health Certificate	

2. Animals and animal products

¹ It must be the certified true copy or consular legalized copy that is unexpired when submitted.

² See Section II.1 for details.

³ It must be an authenticated copy.

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate/Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
<i>The following certificates are required to register for a quarantine or food safety inspection prior to or on the arrival date of a shipment.</i>			
Bovine embryos	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Health Certificate for export of bovine embryos	APHIS
Bovine semen		Health Certificate for export of bovine semen	APHIS
Breeding cattle		Health Certificate for export of breeding bovine	APHIS
Swine		Health Certificate for export of swine	APHIS
Swine semen		Health Certificate for export of swine semen	APHIS
Dairy products	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Health/Export Certificate	AMS
		Certificate of HACCP or Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), or equivalent	AMS
Rendered Meals: Poultry or Porcine Meals	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products"	APHIS
Blood products			
Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Slaughter collection)	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products"	APHIS
Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Live Collection)	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products"	APHIS
Gelatin			
Porcine Bone-Derived Gelatin	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for Animal Products"	APHIS
Bovine Bone-Derived	Circular 25/2016	VS Form 16-4, "Export Certificate for	APHIS

Gelatin	/TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Animal Products”	
Gelatin Derived from Hides and/or Skins	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	VS Form 16-4, “Export Certificate for Animal Products”	APHIS

3. Meat and meat products

Note:

- See Section III.1 for a description of the required procedures for animal product processing facilities to become registered and eligible to export to Vietnam.
- The following certificates are required for quarantine of meat and meat products imported to Vietnam as well as temporarily imported for re-export, transported from one border-gate to another border-gate, imported-exported from bonded warehouses, and transited through the territory of Vietnam.

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate/Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
Pork and pork products	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Export Certificate-FSIS Form 9060-5	FSIS
Pork offal		Export Certificate-FSIS Form 9060-5 and the FSIS Letterhead Certificate for Pork Offal Export to Vietnam	FSIS
Poultry and poultry products	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Export Certificate-Form 9060-5 and the FSIS Letterhead Certificate for Poultry and Poultry Products, including Poultry Offal for Export to Vietnam	FSIS
Beef, bone-in and boneless, and offal products		Export Certificate- FSIS Form 9060-5 and the FSIS Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Beef Meat, Including Bone-In and Boneless, and Offal Products to Vietnam.	FSIS
Protein-free beef tallow	Circular 25/2016 /TT-BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Export Certificate -FSIS Form 9060-5	FSIS

4. Aquatic animals and products thereof

Note:

- See Section III.2 for a description of the required procedures for processing facilities to become registered and eligible to export to Vietnam.
- The following certificates are required for quarantine of aquatic animals and products thereof imported to Vietnam as well as temporarily imported for re-export, transported from one border-gate to another border-gate, imported-exported from bonded warehouses, and transited through the territory of Vietnam.

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate/Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
Live aquatic animals	Circular 26/2016/TT- BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Export Certificate	APHIS
Fishery products, including live aquatic animals for human consumption	Circular 26/2016/TT- BNNPTNT MARD/DAH	Health Certificate for exports of fishery products intended for human consumption	NOAA

5. Plants and plant products

Note:

- The following certificates are required for quarantine of plants and plant products imported to Vietnam and transited through the territory of Vietnam

Products	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate /Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
<i>The following certificates are required for the registration of quarantine inspection prior to or on the arrival date of a shipment.</i>			
Plants and plant products	Circular 33/2014 MARD/PPD	Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 577	APHIS
GM plants for feed/food use	Circular 33/2014 MARD/PPD	Phytosanitary Certificate	APHIS
Processed plant	Circular 33/2014 and	Export Certificate	APHIS

products ⁴	Decision 2515 MARD/PPD	PPQ Form 578	
Irradiated plant products	Circular 33/2014 MARD/PPD	Phytosanitary Certificate	APHIS
<i>The following certificates are required for the registration of food safety inspection prior to or on the arrival date of a shipment.</i>			
Irradiated plant products	Law on Food Safety MARD/PPD	Certificate of Free Sale	

6. Animal Feed

Animal Feed	Reference/ Requesting Agency	Title of Certificate /Attestation required on Certificate	U.S. Issuing Agency/ Form
The following certificates are required for the registration for circulation in Vietnam			
Animal feed/Feed ingredients	Decree 39/2017/ND-CP MARD/DLP/DFISH	Certificate of Free Sale	
		Certificate of Analysis ⁵	
		Certificate of GMP or HACCP or ISO or equivalent certificate (if any)	
The following certificates are required for the application for a quality inspection prior to or on the arrival date of a shipment.			
Animal feed/Feed ingredients	Decree 39/2017/ND-CP MARD/DLP/DFISH	Certificate of Analysis	

⁴ Refer to Section II for the list of processed plant products eligible for a Processed Plant Products Export Certificate (PPQ Form 578).

⁵ Vietnam requires a Certificate of Analysis granted by laboratories appointed by competent authorities of exporting countries or laboratories recognized by regional or international organizations of quality certification or appointed, accepted by MARD

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

1. Certificate of Free Sale

Certificate of Free Sale (CFS) is requested by Vietnam's competent authorities to verify that products are safe for consumers' health and produced in accordance with food safety regulations. The CFS should be granted by a competent authority in the country of origin, indicating the name of commodities, classification of commodities, date of issuance, name and address of manufacturer, reference number of certificate, and the name and address of the organization/competent authority issuing the certificate. The original CFS or a notarized/legalized copy of the document can be provided.

Depending on the type of commodity, the CFS is issued in the United States by a number of federal, state, and city government offices, as well as non-profit organizations. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides an electronic application system for CFS (titled "Certificate of Export to a Foreign Government") for conventional food, including food additives and seafood. Further information is available at: <https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/ImportsExports/Exporting/ExportCertificates/ucm260280.htm>

In addition to FDA, State Departments of Agriculture can issue a CFS for exports. The directory of contacts within State Departments of Agriculture who issue export certification documents such as a CFS is available at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/certificate-free-sale-point-contact-list>.

2. Certificate of Analysis

A Certificate of Analysis (CA) is required by Vietnam's competent authorities to verify the compliance of product specifications with relevant Vietnamese technical regulations on food safety and quality. The CA should be issued within 12 months of the date of production and an original or notarized/legalized copy of the document should be provided.

3. Export/Health Certificate

Vietnam imposes a number of import requirements for animals and animal products. Export certificates should include additional attestations based on the model certificates accepted by the Department of Animal Health (DAH) and signed by U.S. officials. The U.S. agencies involved in issuing these certificates are the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and the NOAA Fisheries Seafood Inspection Office (SIP).

For meat, meat products, and seafood, Vietnam maintains lists of approved establishments based on submissions from individual U.S. Food Business Operators (FBOs) and U.S. government agencies (see GAIN report [VM7036](#)). The lists of FBOs approved for exporting food of animal origin are available on [DAH's website](#).

4. Phytosanitary Certificates

Phytosanitary Certificates are requested to indicate that imported plant and plant products meet specified phytosanitary import requirements and are inspected by the relevant plant health authority of the exporting country. Unlike veterinary certificates, there is only one model certificate for all plant products. APHIS inspectors issue phytosanitary certificates and can attest to specific requirements based on Vietnamese regulations by making additional declarations on the Certificate.

Certificate for Processed Plant Products

APHIS publishes the List of Commodities eligible for a Processed Plant Products Export Certificate List of Commodities eligible for a Processed Plant Products Export Certificate (PPQ Form 578) and the List of Commodities ineligible for any type of PPQ Certification List of Commodities ineligible for any type of PPQ certification on their [website](#).

However, it should be noted that MARD/PPD broadly defines the List of articles subject to plant quarantine in Circular 30/2014 and then specifically defines the List of Harmonized System (HS) codes of products subject to plant quarantine in Decision 2515. This List includes various pre-packaged, consumer-oriented, and highly-processed food products of plant origin, many of which are included in APHIS's List of Commodities ineligible for PPQ certification.

FAS-Vietnam continues to work closely with MARD/PPD to clarify the detailed interpretation of which products are subject to plant quarantine and to seek enforcement that minimizes the impact on the trade of agricultural products from the United States. Should U.S. exporters receive information about changing or new requirements for plant origin products from Vietnamese importers they should not hesitate to contact aghanoi@fas.usda.gov to inform Post of the situation and help gauge the impact that these increasingly strict requirements are having on trade.

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

1. Export Certificate for Meat and Meat Products

Please refer to the FSIS Export Library for current export requirements on meat and meat products: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country>

Vietnam requires the competent authority of the exporting country to submit a list of exporters wishing to export meat and poultry products to Vietnam to DAH for their listing. Additionally, exporters must complete a "Brief information on food safety conditions of food production and business establishments", previously referred as Appendix 3 Circular 25. As DAH has yet to provide detailed guidance on the registration process for the export of meat and poultry to Vietnam, exporters should work closely with importers and with industry - organizations such as the U.S. Meat Export Federation

(USMEF) and the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council (USAPEEC) for assistance in obtaining the Appendix 3 format. The Appendix 3 must be submitted to U.S. Embassy Hanoi staff at the following e-mail address: usda4circ25@gmail.com. Exporters who wish to ship new products to Vietnam that are not yet registered must resubmit a revised Appendix 3 indicating the facility's desire to ship those additional products to Vietnam.

All FSIS export certificates accompanying the product must be signed by an FSIS Veterinarian. The Veterinary Degree (DVM or equivalent) must be indicated after the signature.

The following FSIS export certificates are required:

- A. For poultry and poultry products, including offal: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and the [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#) for Poultry and Poultry Products, including Poultry Offal for Export to Vietnam.
- B. For beef meat, including bone-in and boneless, and offal products from cattle less than 30 months of age slaughtered before March 27, 2015: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and the [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#) for the Export of Beef Meat, Including Bone-In and Boneless, and Offal Products to Vietnam.
- C. For beef and beef products from cattle of any age slaughtered on or after March 27, 2015: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and the [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#) for the Export of Beef and Beef Products (including Bone-in and Deboned Beef and Beef Offal Products) to Vietnam from Cattle Slaughtered in the United States.
- D. For protein-free beef tallow: include the following certification statement in the "Remarks" section of the FSIS Form 9060-5: "The protein-free tallow covered by this certificate has been tested for content of insoluble impurities with the results below 0.15 percent in weight." This certification statement will be included on the export certificate based on the presentation of a certificate issued by an independent laboratory report (not belonging to the exporter and/or the manufacturer).
- E. For pork and pork products: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness.
- F. For pork Offal: obtain a FSIS Form 9060-5 Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and the [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#) for Pork Offal Export to Vietnam.

2. Export Health Certificate for Seafood

As mentioned in Section III.1, establishments desiring to export seafood products to Vietnam are required to be approved prior to shipment by the Vietnam competent authority-MARD/DAH (from July 18, 2017). In addition, firms must be an Approved Establishment in the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program (SIP) to obtain certification as MARD/DAH desires NOAA to inspect and certify the products being sent to Vietnam.

NOAA is also required by MARD/DAH as the U.S. competent authority to send originals of the Appendix 3 registration forms for each firm requesting approval and listing. Additional information, in the form of the process flow diagram, is required for each submission.

Once approved and listed on the DAH website, firms must request an Export Health Certificate from their local NOAA Fisheries SIP. The certificate must accompany every shipment to Vietnam and indicate the name of the producer on the list.

More information, including NOAA contact details, is available at:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/export-requirements-country-and-jurisdiction-n-z#vietnam>

3. Export Certificate for Gelatin products derived from Hides and/or Skins

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of the VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010). These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; animal species of origin must be identified as either porcine or bovine in statement #1; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #2).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The gelatin was prepared exclusively from [insert bovine or porcine] hides and skins.
2. The product is of U.S. origin and is intended for [insert intended end use, e.g., pharmaceutical use-human; pharmaceutical use-animal; food-human consumption; food- animal consumption].

4. Export Certificate for Porcine Bone-Derived Gelatin

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012). These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #4).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product was derived from healthy swine that were subjected to slaughter inspection in official establishments under the control of the competent authority.
2. The product was manufactured exclusively from the bones of swine.

3. The product was processed in a manner to ensure destruction of microbiological pathogens of concern.
4. The product is of U.S. origin and is intended for **[insert intended end use, e.g., pharmaceutical use-human; pharmaceutical use-animal; food-human consumption; food- animal consumption]**.

5. Export Certificate for Bovine Bone-Derived Gelatin

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012). These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; the pertinent section of #3 should be used, including a description of “the equivalent or better process” if (b) is used; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #4).

The United States has been officially recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as a country having a negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk status.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from **[manufacturer/exporter]** verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product was derived from the bones of healthy cattle that were subjected to slaughter inspection in official establishments under the control of the competent authority.
2. The product was manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations, including exclusion of skulls and vertebral columns from cattle over 30 months of age from raw materials used to manufacture the product.
3. The bones from which the product was manufactured were subjected to (a) a process that includes degreasing, acid demineralization, acid or alkaline treatment, filtration, and sterilization at >138 degrees C for a minimum of 4 seconds; or (b) an equivalent or better process in terms of infectivity reduction, such as high-pressure heating. **[Use only the pertinent section. If (b) is used, describe the equivalent or better process.]**
4. The product is of U.S. origin and is intended for **[insert intended end use, e.g., pharmaceutical use-human; pharmaceutical use-animal; food-human consumption; food- animal consumption]**.

6. Export Certificate for Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Live Collection)

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012). These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit

line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; specific blood product or derivative must be identified in statement #1; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #2).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The certified products are of U.S. origin and are **[insert type of blood product, e.g., whole blood; serum; plasma; <blood derivatives> such as albumin or globulin]**.
2. The products are intended to be used for **[insert intended end use, e.g., in-vitro laboratory or diagnostic purposes]**.
3. The products were manufactured from bovine blood or one of its components or derivatives.
4. The blood used in the manufacture of the products was derived from cattle determined to be clinically healthy at the time of blood collection.
5. The products were manufactured in a facility approved by the competent authority and meet the requirements of the United States for domestic sale and use.
6. The products were manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations intended to ensure that they are unlikely to transmit disease agents, including transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs).
7. Adequate precautions were taken following processing to prevent product contamination with microbiological pathogens.

7. Export Certificate for Bovine Blood/Blood Products (Slaughter Collection)

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) “Export Certificate for Animal Products.”

Additional Requirements

The following certification statements must be included in the “Additional Declarations” section of VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2012), “Export Certificate for Animal Products.” These statements must not be modified except as noted (the notarized affidavit line should include the actual name of the manufacturer/exporter; specific blood product or derivative must be identified in statement #1; specific intended end-use must be identified in statement #2).

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [manufacturer/exporter] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The certified products are of U.S. origin and are **[insert type of blood product, e.g., whole blood; serum; plasma; <blood derivatives> such as albumin or globulin]**.
2. The products are intended to be used for **[insert intended end use, e.g., in-vitro purposes (laboratory/diagnostics); animal feed]**.
3. The products were manufactured from bovine blood or one of its components or derivatives.

4. The blood used in the manufacture of the products was derived from healthy cattle subjected to slaughter inspection in an official establishment under the control of the competent authority.
5. The animals from which the blood was derived were not subjected to a stunning process, prior to slaughter, with a device injecting air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process.
6. The products were manufactured in a facility approved by the competent authority and meet the requirements of the United States for domestic sale and use.
7. The products were manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations intended to ensure that they are unlikely to transmit disease agents, including transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs).
8. Adequate precautions were taken following processing to prevent product contamination with microbiological pathogens.

8. Export Certificate for Poultry or Porcine Meals

- Format: VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2010) "Export Certificate for Animal Products."

Additional Requirements

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company/manufacturer] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product [identify type of product, e.g., poultry byproduct meal or feather meal] is of U.S. origin and is intended to be used in aqua, poultry, and swine feeds, as well as pet food.
2. The product was manufactured in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations and meets the requirements of the United States for domestic sale and use in animal feed.
3. The product was subjected to a heat treatment at a minimum temperature of 118 degrees C (245 degrees F) for a minimum of 40 minutes; or a continuous hydrolyzing process at a minimum temperature of 122 degrees C (250 degrees F) for a minimum of 15 minutes with a minimum pressure of 55 lbs/square inch, or an equivalent method (describe if alternate method is used) to achieve commercial sterilization.
4. The product was manufactured using processing times and temperatures adequate to destroy microbiological pathogens of concern, including Salmonella, avian influenza, and Newcastle disease viruses, and result in a product fit for animal consumption.
5. The product was manufactured under sanitary conditions, including precautions to prevent contamination of the product with pathogenic agents following processing.
6. The product does not contain ruminant ingredients.

9. Health Certificate and HACCP Certificate for Dairy Products

Since November 2012, the GVN accepts the AMS Sanitary Certificate for shipments of dairy products destined for human consumption. Exporters must ship products destined for human consumption using the AMS Sanitary Certificate, signed and dated by the appropriate regulatory authority prior to the date of shipment as it appears on the bill of lading. Exporters must apply for a certificate in time to have it signed prior to the product ship date. Certificates signed with a date after shipping will not be accepted by the competent authorities in Vietnam. Exporters can contact the U.S. Dairy Export Council for further clarification if required.

10. Health Certificate for Live Aquatic Animals

MARD's DAH allows for a Health Certificate for export of live aquatic animals issued by one of the U.S agencies listed below:

- APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)
- NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association)

Vietnam is also beginning to allow the importation of live seafood species for food use from the United States provided a very strict quarantine regime is followed. On September 7, 2015, DFISH issued Decision 540/QD-TCTS-TTKN allowing the import of live American lobsters (*Homarus americanus*) to Vietnam. In August 2016, DAH accepted a Health Certificate for exports of fishery products intended for human consumption issued by NOAA with the following statement for live aquatic animals: *"The shipment is not known to contain species not identified on this health certificate."*

When exporting live aquatic animals for consumption, please check with FAS-Vietnam and importers for the list of live aquatic animals approved for import for human consumption.

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

- a. The original export certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry.
- b. In general, the export certificate is only valid for each consignment of products.
- c. In most of the cases, Vietnam accepts a U.S. State issued Certificate of Free Sale and export certificates.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

Quarantine Import Permit for Animals and Animal Products

MARD/DAH requires a Quarantine Import Permit (QIP) issued by DAH prior to the importation of animals and animal products, poultry and meat, and seafood. Importers are required to submit the quarantine registration form to DAH. Within 5 working days of receipt of a valid dossier, based upon

the disease situation in Vietnam and the exporting country, DAH shall grant the Quarantine Permit, and notify the importer of the quarantine authority that will conduct the quarantine process for the subject shipment.

Quarantine Import Permit for Plants and Plant Products

MARD/PPD requires a Plant Quarantine Import Permit issued by PPD prior to the importation of plant and plant products which are included on the list of articles subject to pest risk analysis. Importers are required to submit the application dossier indicating the origin and quantity of consignment to PPD. Within 15 days of receipt of a valid dossier, PPD shall grant the Plant Quarantine Import Permit; or notify importers of the refusal of quarantine by a written announcement.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Certificate Name	Available at
Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness Form 9060-5	FSIS website
Letterhead Certificate for Poultry and Poultry Products, including Poultry Offal	FSIS website
Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Beef Meat, including Bone-In and Boneless, and Offal Products	FSIS website
Letterhead Certificate for Pork Offal	FSIS website
Export Certificate for Animal Products VS Form 16-4	APHIS website
Health Certificate for Export of Bovine Semen	APHIS website
Health Certificate for Export of Live Aquatic Animals from the United States to Vietnam	APHIS website
Health Certificate for Export of Breeding Cattle	APHIS website
Export Certificate for Dairy products	APHIS website
Export Certificate for Gelatin products	APHIS website
Export Certificate for Blood products	APHIS website
Export Certificate for Poultry or Porcine Meals	APHIS website
Phytosanitary Certificate PPQ Form 577	APHIS website
Export Certificate PPQ Form 578	APHIS website

