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This table summarises the general requirements and standards for food and agricultural imports into Iran.

Certification/ Requirements	Remarks
General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Iran is a restricted country requiring exporter licensing.• Iran is member of the following international organizations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- United Nations Organization (UN) and its main specialized institutions ;- Organization of the Islamic Conference (O.I.C) and its specialized institutions;- Economic Co-operation Organization (E.C.O);- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (O.P.E.C)- ISO
Certificate of Origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be required• Should include: country of origin, name of manufacturer, name of shipper/ consignee, goods weight, kind, quantity
Health Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required for the imports of animals, animal products, food products and plants• From the country of origin
Halal Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required for all meat and poultry products• Permit to be issued by Ministry of Agriculture (www.maj.ir/)
Free sale Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frequently required for pharmaceutical, food and medical/ cosmetic products• Should state that the sold commodities are in free circulation in the exporting country
Import Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required for poultry products• Issued by the Iranian Ministry of Agriculture• Must observe general regulations and submission of health and usability certificate from the country of origin
Certificate for veterinary products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must indicate that the product is free from disease and toxicity• According to the Article of the Veterinary Law enacted in 1971, the importation and exportation of live animals of any kind, hatching eggs, animal semen, raw animal products, medicines, vaccines, serum, biological substances, disinfectants, veterinary poisons, concentrated feed, animal feed complementaries and medicines required to manufacture above materials are subject to the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Pre-approval for Products Containing Saccharin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be obtained from the Ministry of Health (http://www.behdasht.gov.ir/)• Required for the import of saccharin or foods containing saccharin, except for diabetic use
Import Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial invoice (must be certified by a recognized chamber of commerce)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill of lading • Pro forma invoice • More information available at http://www.muslimtrade.net/tradeguideline/iran/index.html
Labelling	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are special labeling regulations for pharmaceutical , foodstuffs sold in containers, beverages, mineral waters, syrups, juices and extracts and toilet and beauty articles and accessories.
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is advisable that labels, instructions and description of imported goods be printed in Farsi (Persian)
Other Information	
Food Standards/ Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute of Standard and Industrial Research of Iran (ISIRI - http://www.isiri.org/) develops and designates official standards for products. • There are standards for chewing gums, fruit juice nectars & concentrates, biscuits, puffed products, potato chips, pickled cucumbers, vegetable oils, sausages, ketchup, dairy products, canned food, beverages, mineral water, salad dressings, etc. The List of Obligatory Standards for Import & Export is available at http://www.isiri.org/EN/File/ENSaderat.pdf • General knowledge and understanding of the I.R. of Iran's export-import policy features, as well as information on the national Customs tariffs as they are currently applied, are available in the Iran Export-Import Laws and Regulations of 2008, which can be accessed from http://www.iranembassy.pk/en/economic/laws-export/477-regulations-2008.html or http://en.tpo.ir/documents/document/12226/13133/laws-of-2008.aspx
Packing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All packages should show gross weight in kilograms or metric tons. • In general, all identifying marks should include the consignee's mark and port marks. They should be clearly indicated to facilitate the arrivals of shipments • All goods consigned to Iran should be adequately packed in order to be protected against rough handling, extreme heat and pilferage. Containers should be adequately waterproofed
Foods Prohibited from Importation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcoholic beverages and pork meats
Relevant Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Commerce - http://www.moc.gov.ir/ • Ministry of Foreign Affairs - http://www.mfa.gov.ir

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trade Promotion Organization of Iran - www.tpo.ir/• Ports and Shipping Organization - http://www.pso.ir• Customs Administration - http://www.irica.gov.ir/EIndex.aspx• More available at http://www.mfa.gov.ir/cms/cms/Tehran/en/EconomicPart/Links.html

Reference: USDA FAS GAIN Report

Muslim Trade Network - Trade Reference Directory for Muslim Countries

<http://www.muslimtrade.net/trade guideline/iran/index.html>Trade Promotion Organization of Iran (<http://en.tpo.ir/>)**DISCLAIMER:**

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