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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

This report identifies Brazil's import requirements for foreign export certificates. An export certificate matrix and outline are included. There were no significant changes in 2017 to general certificates that impact imports of agricultural goods.

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

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Beef and beef products	Certificate for Export of Beef, Beef Products and Offals to Brazil	Public health attestations and animal health attestations	Health Certificate	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
Feed and animal supplements	Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate	The plant where products are manufactured counts with this certificate	To obtain sanitary plant registration	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
Fish and fishery products	Health Certificate for Fish and Fish Products from Wild Fisheries (Except shrimp and live animals)	Public health attestations and animal health attestations	Health Certificate	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
Imported plant products	Phytosanitary Certificate	Fulfills health requirements according to import license and sanitary inspection (See APHIS website)	To obtain Health Certificate and Import License	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
Live cattle for breeding	Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Cattle for	Fulfills health requirements according to	To obtain Health Certificate	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and

	Breeding from the United States of America to Brazil	import license and sanitary inspection (See APHIS website)	and Import License	Food Supply
Milk and milk products	Sanitary Certificate For Milk and Milk Products Exported Into Brazil	Products have been heat treated and conform to processing requirements of Brazil	Health Certificate	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
Semen and/ or embryos (from bovine, caprine, and equine)	Veterinary Health Certificate for Semen and/ or Embryos	Fulfills health requirements according to import license and sanitary inspection (See APHIS website)	To obtain Health Certificate and Import License	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
Pet Dogs and Cats	Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America to Brazil	Fulfills health requirements according to import license and sanitary inspection (See APHIS website)	To obtain Health Certificate	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

- A. Certificate for Export of Beef, Beef Products and Offals to Brazil: The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (Ministério da Agricultura Pecuária e Abastecimento – MAPA) requires a health certificate to protect consumers' health and to ensure food safety.
- B. Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate: MAPA requires a Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) certificate as proof that feed and animal supplements were produced under practices that make the product safe for animals. This certificate is required to obtain the sanitary registration of the plant.
- C. Health Certificate for Fish and Fish Products from Wild Fisheries (Except shrimp and live animals): MAPA requires a health certificate to prevent the introduction of foreign diseases and to ensure food safety.
- D. Phytosanitary Certificate: MAPA requires a phytosanitary certificate to prevent the introduction of foreign pests and diseases. Certificates are issued by the sanitary authority in the country of

export.

- E. Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Cattle for Breeding from the United States of America to Brazil: MAPA requires a health certificate to prevent introduction of diseases.
- F. Sanitary Certificate for Milk and Milk Products Exported into Brazil: MAPA requires a health certificate to protect consumer health and to ensure food safety.
- G. Veterinary Health Certificate for Semen and/ or Embryos: MAPA requires a health certificate to prevent introduction of diseases.
- H. Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America to Brazil: MAPA requires a health certificate to prevent introduction of diseases.

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

- A. Certificate for Export of Beef, Beef Products and Offals to Brazil: MAPA requires specific public health attestations and animal health attestations. The certificate has to follow a special format defined by MAPA. These certificates must be signed by the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).
- B. Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate: MAPA does not require a specific attestation or format for this certificate. Certificates are to be issued by the sanitary authority from United States; other agency certificates are not permissible for registration purposes.
- C. Health Certificate for Fish and Fish Products from Wild Fisheries (Except shrimp and Live animals): MAPA requires specific public health attestations and animal health attestations. The certificate has to follow a special format defined by MAPA. These certificates must be signed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- D. Phytosanitary Certificate: MAPA requires specific public health attestations for human consumption and that the plants are free of any pests or diseases. The certificate's attestations will vary by product. For example, in the case of strawberry, that they are free of mites. Requirements and specifications are accessible on the [APHIS FAVIR](#) website.
- E. Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Cattle for Breeding from the United States of America to Brazil: Requirements and specifications are accessible on the [APHIS LIBRARY](#) website.
- F. Sanitary Certificate for Milk and Milk Products Exported Into Brazil: MAPA requires specific public health attestations and animal health attestations. The certificate has to follow a special format defined by MAPA. These certificates must be signed by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).
- G. Veterinary Health Certificate for Semen and or Embryos: Requirements and specifications are accessible on the [APHIS LIBRARY](#) website.

- H. Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America to Brazil: Requirements and specifications are accessible on the [APHIS LIBRARY](#) website.

For additional information, see:

- APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, www.aphis.usda.gov
- FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service, www.fsis.usda.gov
- AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service, www.ams.usda.gov

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

- A. Certificate for Export of Beef, Beef Products and Offals to Brazil: Prior to product shipment, the importer must request from MAPA an import license ("LI" in Portuguese); importers must be registered with the Ministry of Finance (SISCOMEX) in order to request an LI. Import licenses are valid for a maximum of 30 calendar days. The original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.
- B. Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate: MAPA requires a GMP certificate, which is used only to obtain plant approval to export feed products to Brazil. This certificate is not required to accompany the product. GMP certificates can be issued by APHIS and/ or AMS. APHIS will issue a separate health certificate for each feed category or animal supplement, and this certificate must accompany the imported goods. MAPA does not accept third-party GMP certificates, but they accept U.S. state-issued GMP certificates.
- C. Health Certificate for Fish and Fish Products from Wild Fisheries (Except shrimp and live animals): Prior to product shipment, the importer must request from MAPA an import license ("LI" in Portuguese); importers must be registered with the Ministry of Finance (SISCOMEX) in order to request an LI. Import licenses are valid for a maximum of 30 calendar days. The original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.
- D. Phytosanitary Certificate: APHIS issues U.S. phytosanitary certificates. These certificates must be signed and stamped by an APHIS-accredited official. Normally these certificates are valid for 90 days and for a single shipment. Certificate must be issued in accordance with protocol requirements.
- E. Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Cattle for Breeding from the United States of America to Brazil: APHIS issues health certificates for live cattle. Forms must be signed and stamped by an accredited APHIS veterinarian. The health certificate is valid for 10 days prior to embarkation. The original certificate must accompany the animal at the time of entry.
- F. Sanitary Certificate for Milk and Milk Products Exported Into Brazil: Prior to product shipment, the importer must request from MAPA an import license ("LI" in Portuguese); importers must be registered with the Ministry of Finance (SISCOMEX) in order to request a LI. Import licenses are valid for a maximum of 30 calendar days. The original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.

- G. Veterinary Health Certificate for Semen and or Embryos: APHIS issues health certificates for bovine semen and embryos, caprine semen and embryos, and equine semen and embryos. Forms must be signed and stamped by an accredited APHIS veterinarian. The original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.
- H. Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America to Brazil: APHIS issues health certificates for pet dogs and cats. Forms must be signed and stamped by an accredited APHIS veterinarian. This International Veterinary Certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issuance. The original certificate must accompany the animal at the time of entry

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

According to the recent equivalence system established with Brazil, the United States can only export to Brazil the following animal-origin products:

A. Meat

1. Beef, beef products, and beef offals sourced from cattle slaughtered and processed on or after July 27, 2016;
2. Pork casings;
3. Lamb casings imported from New Zealand that have not undergone processing or repackaging in the United States;
4. Airline Meals - U.S. meat intended for use in meals on airlines for the consumption of the crew and passengers on board international flights may be exported from any U.S.-inspected facility;
5. Protein-free tallow; and
6. Edible products for pharmaceutical or other industrial purposes.

Meat Plants Eligible to Export

Plant Approval/Registration

Any federally inspected U.S. meat and poultry establishment interested in exporting to Brazil must submit FSIS Form 9080-3 to Import Export Policy Development Staff, FSIS, (202) 720-0082 or (855) 444-9904/fax: (202) 720-7990/email: importexport@fsis.usda.gov.

- a. The application (FSIS Form 9080-3) should have the following information:
 - i. Establishment Number
 - ii. Establishment Name
 - iii. Physical Location of Establishment
 - iv. Type of Facility (slaughter, processing, boning, cold storage)
 - v. Species (beef, poultry, pork, lamb, etc.)
 - vi. Contact Name, telephone number, and fax number.

FSIS will certify these establishments to Brazilian officials. Product should not be shipped until

confirmation of registration is received from Brazil through FSIS. Upon FSIS receipt of notification from the Brazilian officials of their approval, these establishments will be added to the [FSIS Eligible Plant List for Brazil](#). This list is available through the Export Library or can be requested from FSIS at (202) 720-0082 or (855) 444-9904.

B. Dairy

1. Milk, powdered milk;
2. Whey, Whey Protein Concentrate, Whey Protein Isolate;
3. Milk Protein Concentrate, Milk Protein Isolate;
4. Casein;
5. Lactose;
6. Cheese; and
7. Other dairy ingredients.

Dairy Plants Eligible to Export

Plant Approval/Registration

Registration under this category must be done directly through the Foreign Agriculture Service/Office of Agriculture Affairs in Brasilia (FAS/OAA). FAS will need a formal letter from the company to insert the producing plant in the Brazil's official list.

C. Fish

1. Fresh and frozen fish;
2. Roes and seasoned capelin roes;
3. Frozen crustaceous; and
4. Frozen lobsters.

The United States does not have any agreement to export shrimp or live animals under the category of "Fish."

Fishery Plants Eligible to Export

Plant Approval/Registration

All fishery plants must prepare and send a formal request to NOAA. NOAA will contact FAS/OAA and request registration to be included in Brazil's official list.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

- A. Certificate for Export of Beef, Beef Products and Offals to Brazil: Requirements and specifications are available on the FSIS website here:
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country/Brazil>
A sample certificate is available here: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/a4b61e3f-6bdd-41c9-81e2-75a087c7f2eb/Brazil-Beef-Certificate.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>
- B. Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate: Please contact FAS/Brazil for more information about this certificate.
- C. Health Certificate for Fish and Fish Products from Wild Fisheries (Except shrimp and Live animals): General information is available here: <http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/pdfs/brazil.pdf>
Please contact your regional NOAA inspection office to request a certificate:
http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/offices_staff/offices/inspection_offices.html
- D. Phytosanitary Certificate: APHIS plant health export information can be found here:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/sa_export/export_services_program
A sample APHIS Phytosanitary Certificate can be found here:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/downloads/ppq577.pdf
- E. Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Cattle for Breeding from the United States of America to Brazil: Downloadable template for the certificate is available here:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/br_ca_hc_update_91015.pdf
- F. Sanitary Certificate for Milk and Milk Products Exported Into Brazil: Instructions for completing an AMS Sanitary Certificate Request for Brazil can be found here:
https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Brazil_Instructions_docx.docx
The AMS sanitary certificate request form can be found here:
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Sanitary-Brazil.docx>
- G. Veterinary Health Certificates for Semen and Embryos: Downloadable template for the bovine semen certificate is available here:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/br_bo_se_hc_12_10_15.pdf
Downloadable template for the bovine embryos certificate is available here:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/br_bov_em_hc.pdf
- H. Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America to Brazil: Please access: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel/health-certificates/non-eu/brazil-dogs-cats.pdf>

Appendix II. Post Contact and Further Information

Please do not hesitate to contact the offices below for questions or comments regarding this report or to request assistance to export U.S. agricultural products to Brazil:

Agricultural Trade Office (ATO)

U.S. Consulate General
Rua Thomas Deloney, 381
04709-110 São Paulo, SP
Tel: (55-11) 3250-5400
Fax: (55-11) 3250-5499
E-mail: atosaopaulo@fas.usda.gov

Office of Agricultural Affairs (OAA)

U.S. Embassy
Av. das Nacoes, quadra 801, lote 3
70403-900 Brasilia, DF
Tel: (55-61) 3312-7000
Fax: (55-61) 3312-7659
E-mail: agbrasil@fas.usda.gov