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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 is included.

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

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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 |
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| 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 | Phyto-Sanitary 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 | Fulfills health requirements | To obtain Health | Ministry of Agriculture, |

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| | Export of Cattle for Breeding from the United States of America to Brazil | according to import license and sanitary inspection (See, Aphis website) | Certificate and Import License | Livestock and Food Supply |
| Milk and milk products | Sanitary Certificate For Milk and Milk Products Exported Into Brazil | Products has been heat treated and conforms 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 |

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 consumer’s health and to ensure food safety.
- B. Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate: MAPA requires a Good Manufacturing Practices certificate (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. Phyto-Sanitary Certificate: MAPA requires a phyto-sanitary 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’s 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.

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 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 agencies' 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. Phyto-Sanitary Certificate: MAPA requires specific public health attestations for human consumption and that the plants are free of any pests or diseases. For example, in the case of strawberry free of mints. The certificate's attestations will vary by product. 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 Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS).
- G. Veterinary Health Certificate for Semen and or Embryos: 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 a LI. Import licenses are valid for maximum 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 the plant approval to export feed products to Brazil. This certificate is not required to accompany the product. GMP certificates can be issued by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and or AMS. APHIS will issue another health certificate, for each feed category or animal supplement, and this certificate will accompany the imported goods. MAPA does not accept third part 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 a LI. Import licenses are valid for maximum 30 calendar days. The original certificate must accompany the product at the time of entry.
- D. Phyto-Sanitary Certificate: APHIS issues U.S. phyto-sanitary certificates. These certificates must be signed and stamped by 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 ten days prior 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 maximum 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.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

According to recent equivalence system established with Brazil, U.S. 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 U.S.
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.
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

7. Other dairy ingredients

Dairy Plants Eligible to Export

Plant Approval /Registration

Registration under this category must be done directly through Foreign Agriculture Service/Office of Agriculture Affairs in Brasilia (FAS/OAA). FAS will need a formal letter from 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.
4. Frozen lobsters

In this category, the United States does not have any agreement to export shrimp and live animals.

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 the 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: Please contact FSIS to obtain this certificate.
- B. Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate: Please contact AMS to obtain this certificate

- C. Health Certificate for Fish and Fish Products from Wild Fisheries (Except shrimp and Live animals): Please contact NOAA to obtain this certificate.

- D. Phyto-Sanitary Certificate: 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: Please contact APHIS to obtain this certificate.

- F. Sanitary Certificate for Milk and Milk Products Exported Into Brazil: Please contact AMS to obtain this certificate

- G. Veterinary Health Certificate for Semen and or Embryos: Please contact APHIS to obtain those certificates.