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Report Highlights:

This is the first FAIRS report for Angola, documenting the country's technical policies, practices, and import requirements for food and agricultural products.

General Information:

ANGOLA: FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL IMPORT REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS (FAIRS)

This report was prepared by the Office of the Foreign Agricultural Service in Luanda, Angola for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care was taken in the preparation of this report, information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies may have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped.

FINAL IMPORT 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.

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SECTION I: GENERAL FOOD LAWS

Regulatory Authorities

Angola’s Food and Agricultural import regulations and standards are developed and administered by two ministries, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Ministry of Commerce. The responsibilities of these ministries are presented in Tables 1 and 2. As the tables indicate, there is some overlap in responsibilities among the ministries, causing ambiguity in the development and implementation of import regulations.

Table 1: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Division/Directorate	Summary
Veterinary Services Department	<u>Key responsibilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formulate policy and manage risks in the import and export of animals and animal products• Issue licenses to import animals and animal products
National Seeds Service (SENSE)	<u>Key responsibilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formulate policy and manage risks in the import and export of seeds• Issue licenses to import seeds

National Directorate of Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry	<p>Key responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate policy and manage risks in the import and export of vegetable products (plants and their derivatives) for food, ornamentation, processing and/or propagation. • Issue licenses to import plants
Codex Office	<p>Key responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share with the Ministry of Commerce the roll of National Contact Point for the Codex Alimentarius National Commission

Source: Ministry of Agriculture

Table 2: Ministry of Commerce

Division/Agency	Summary
Multiple Departments	<p>Key responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate interagency formulation and implementation of trade policy • Manage all commercial activity, including issuing import licenses • Ensure the implementation of SPS measures • Develop and implement quality control standards • Ensure compliance with obligations under the WTO and other international trade organizations

Source: Ministry of Commerce

Food and agricultural regulations

Animal health issues are regulated by Law n. 4/04, Animal Health Law, the veterinary law currently in effect in Angola. This law is not available online; FAS/Luanda can provide a copy of the law upon request. The government enacts new veterinary regulations periodically, which are NOT amended to the veterinary law but stand alone.

Presidential Decree n. 89/15 establishes minimum standards for the quality, labelling, packaging, and transport of eggs. This includes an allowable shelf life of no more than 28 days after the laying date for eggs destined for direct human consumption. Additional information is available [here](#).

Angola does not currently have a stand-alone food safety law. A broad public health law, which addresses food safety among many other areas affecting public health, is pending approval in Parliament. Following enactment of this general law, the government plans to develop a series of specific laws to regulate the multiple areas addressed by the broad law.

In the absence of regulations governing a specific food safety issue, Angola defers to the Codex standards.

SECTION II: LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:

The following information must appear on an imported food product label:

- Type of product and name
- Producer's name
- Batch reference
- Conditions of preservation and storage
- Production and expiry date – the remaining shelf life must be at least 25% of the total shelf life of the product at the time of importation
- Fat content
- Volume
- Import eligibility

Portuguese labeling is mandatory and is also applicable to imported fresh produce. Unlabeled or incorrectly labeled products can be confiscated.

Stick on labels meeting local requirements can be affixed in addition to the standard U.S. label. Labels must be affixed no later than the point of sale to the end user. Therefore the supplier and the importer must come to an agreement as to who will affix the sticker.

Enforcement of label requirements is constrained by limited human resource capacity.

SECTION III: FOOD ADDITIVES REGULATIONS

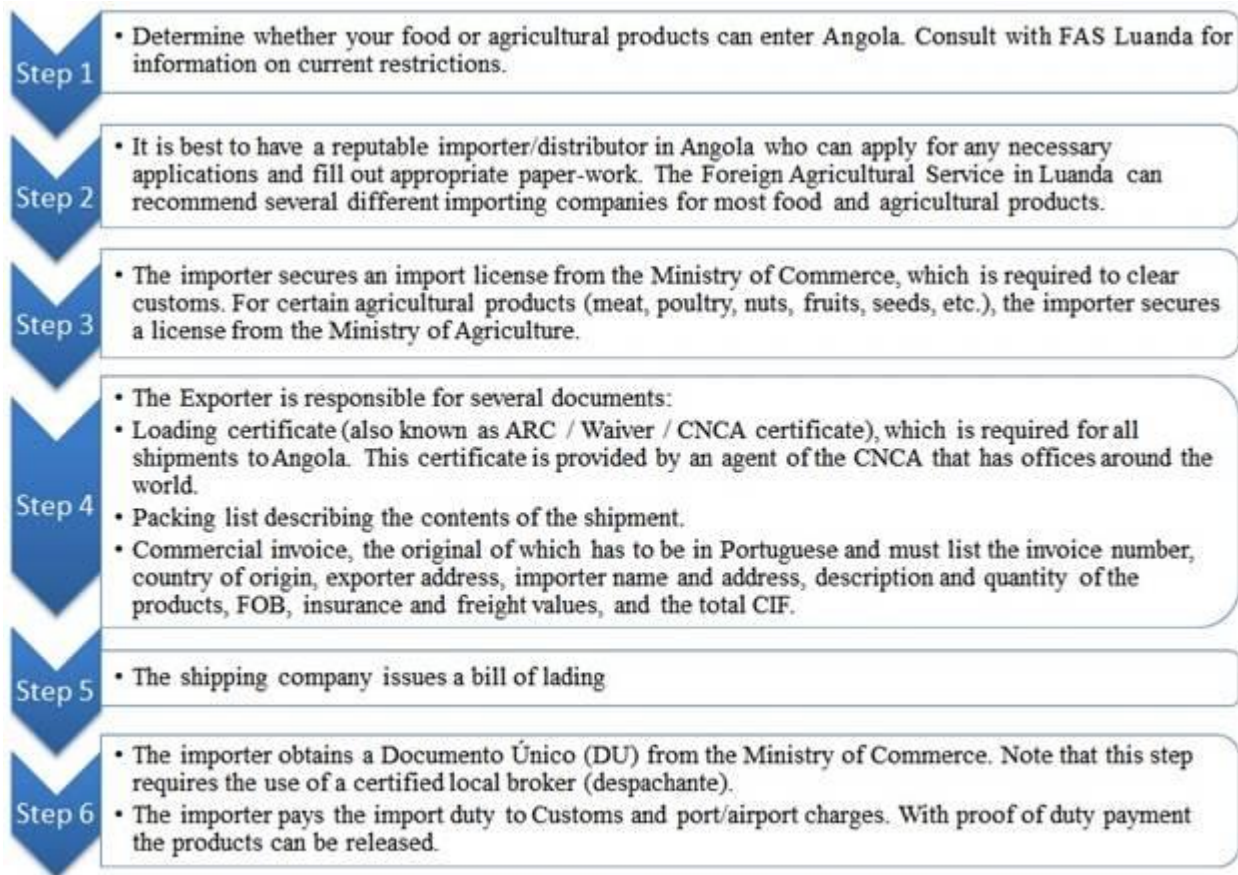
The Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Commerce share responsibility for regulations pertaining to food additives and they are guided by the [Codex Alimentarius](#) standards.

SECTION IV: PESTICIDES AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS

The Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for regulations pertaining to pesticides and other contaminants and they are guided by the [Codex Alimentarius](#) standards.

SECTION V: IMPORT PROCEDURES

[Link to the Angolan tariff book](#)



SECTION VI: OTHER CERTIFICATION AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Sanitary and Phytosanitary testing

In 2012 the Angolan Government implemented a requirement that all food products and alcoholic beverages undergo laboratory testing carried out by a private company Bromangol. This is the responsibility and at the cost of the importer.

APPENDIX I: GOVERNMENT REGULATORY KEY AGENCY CONTACTS

Ministry of Agriculture

<http://www.minagri.gov.ao/>

Ministry of Commerce

<http://www.minco.gov.ao/>

Ministry of Health

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