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### **FAIRS Certificate Report for Poland**

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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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**Report Highlights:**

As a member of the European Union (EU), Poland fully applies EU regulations on export certificates. It is difficult to specify the whole list of non-harmonized products, because it is not defined. Therefore, the certificate requirement for a non-harmonized product would need to be requested from the competent Polish authority on a case-by-case basis.

The EU requires harmonized products be accompanied by a health certificate at port of arrival. A certificate matrix holding links to required sanitary certificates specific for Poland are included in this report.

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

Being a member of the European Union (EU), Poland fully applies EU export certificate regulations. Required certificate details are set out in specific legislation, including models of the veterinary certificates to be used.

The food plants in third countries must meet requirements set out in certain sections of Annex III of Regulation (EC) 853/2004. According to the Article 6 of the regulation, import of animal products is depended to the following conditions:

1. A third country should be on a list drawn up in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004, containing the third country from which import of certain product is permitted.
2. Products of animal origin must originate from a plant placed on the list drawn up in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 845/2004, containing institutions from which import of certain product is permitted.
3. The product should meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) 852/2004 and 853/2004 and be provided with appropriate certificate.

The list of institutions is published on:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/establishments/third\\_country/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/establishments/third_country/index_en.htm)

Imports of products is acceptable if the requirements specified in the law of the country of final destination in EU, were fulfilled - in the case of products for which import requirements are not specified in European Union regulations. Mainly, products must be provided with a veterinary certificate, the same for all EU countries.

There are few products for which the European Union, including Poland, did not specify the list of plants from which import are permitted on certain product, or the list of third countries from which imports would be allowed. The examples are non-standard products such as meat of crocodiles, ants in sugar.

For a list of EU-required export certificates and the products they cover, please refer to the U.S. Mission to the European Union's FAIRS Export Certificate GAIN report available at:  
<http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s):**

Poland, as a member of the EU, conforms to all EU regulations and directives. We therefore recommend that this report is read in conjunction with the EU Certification Guide ([GAIN Report Number E49057](#)), and the [EU Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report \(E48058\)](#) both produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium. These reports can be accessed through the FAS website: <http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Pages/Default.aspx>

The State Veterinary Inspection (Główny Inspektorat Weterynarii) controls imports of products from third countries in Poland. Contact information follows:

State Veterinary Inspection  
Main Inspectorate  
30 Wspólna St.  
00-930 Warszawa  
Poland  
Tel. +48 22 623 20 89  
Fax. + 48 22 623 14 08  
Email: [wet@wetgiw.gov.pl](mailto:wet@wetgiw.gov.pl)

Regulation 2004/882/EC sets out the standards for control of compliance with the General Food Law (2002/178/EC).

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

For conducting the identity check of the shipment, the State Veterinary Inspection requires the seal number of the container to be on the veterinary certificate. A seal number on the Bill of Lading is not sufficient as these can be easily re-issued by private companies. If no seal number is present on the certificate, a physical check is necessary to verify the identity of the shipment.

For some veterinary certificates, the additional statements (declaration of BSE / TSE) was added. Recently, in the published Community legislation, it is already part of health certificate model.

## **Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements:**

According to the regulation of August 27th, 2003 on veterinary border inspection (Polish Journal of Law 2003, no. 165, pos. 1590), product may be imported if:

1. It contains the original veterinary certificate drawn up in at least one of the official languages of

the border inspection and the country of final destination issued by the competent authority of the country of origin

2. It is labeled in a way that can be identified
3. It comes from the lists published by the European Commission (in the case of products for which import requirements are specified in the EU regulations):
  - a) list of third countries or their parts
  - b) list of institutions authorized to introduce the products into the European Union

Veterinary border checks of consignments imported into the Poland is carried out by the General Veterinary Inspector, in accordance with the Law of 29 January 2004 (Polish Journal of Law 2004 No. 33. pos.287).

## **Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements:**

In accordance with Article 24, 2nd Act, from December 16, 2005 on products of animal origin (Polish Journal of Law 2006, No. 17, pos. 127) General Veterinary Inspector is proper, competent authority in a matter of settlements of veterinary requirements with a third country. Those specifications must be executed in import from third countries, in extent not specified by the EU regulations.

### **Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate:**

To your information, following link contains most important samples of import certificates required for various products and the list of third countries from which import of certain product is permitted (English version included):

Red meat:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=2364](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=2364)

Meat products:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=3753](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=3753)

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=3752](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=3752)

Poultry, eggs and egg products:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=2360](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=2360)

Meat of wild mammals, farm rabbits:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=3481](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=3481)

Honey and apiculture products:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=2422](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=2422)

Milk and dairy products:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=2426](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=2426)

Casings:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=2724](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=2724)

Fishery products:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=2429](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=2429)

Processed stomachs, bladders and guts:

[http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m\\_id=33&kat\\_id=2357](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/index.php?action=szczegoly&m_id=33&kat_id=2357)

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