The report lists and describes certificates that should accompany food and agricultural products to Egypt. It also includes the purpose of each certificate and the governmental agency responsible. In general, an original invoice, bill of lading, packing list, weighing list, health certificate, batch number certificate, certificate of origin, and insurance certificate are required to accompany any shipment. An export certificate matrix is included in this report.
## SECTION I: REQUIRED EXPORT CERTIFICATES:

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<td>Grain Inspection Certificate (FGIS)</td>
<td>Aflatoxin test of less than 2 ppm</td>
<td>Weight, quality, aflatoxin &lt; 2ppm</td>
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<td>Planting Seeds</td>
<td>Phytosanitary Certificate (APHIS)</td>
<td>NOTE: Prior authorization is required by the Egyptian MoA, prior to import seeds for planting.</td>
<td>Phytosanitary Certificate</td>
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Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Ministry of Health (MoH) and General organization for Import and Export Control (GOEIC)

## SECTION II: PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE

(See section I above)
SECTION III: SPECIAL ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Export Certificate
The specific export certificate will vary according to the product. In general terms, the certificate must indicate that the product is produced under a recognized process rendering it free of public health hazards and that it is freely sold for human consumption in the country of origin. If questions arise regarding the specific certificate or attestation needed, exporters are advised to contact the USDA Office of Agricultural Affairs or the importing firm prior to shipping.

Certificate of Origin
The certificate of origin is required by the GOEIC and the Egyptian Customs Authority. The document is expected to indicate the manufacturing location of the product being imported. Historically, there has been flexibility in the issuer of the certificate of origin. State or local authorities, as well as local chambers of commerce in the same jurisdiction as the manufacturing firm may issue the document.

Grain and Oilseeds
A certificate attesting that an Aflatoxin test has been completed must accompany all grain and oilseed shipments. The Ministry of Agriculture and GOEIC mandate that Aflatoxin levels be less than 2 ppm on any imported shipment. Additionally, exporters are advised that the Egyptian authorities require that grain shipments be accompanied by paperwork indicating the crop year or production date of the imported goods.

Meat, Poultry, and Products
Exporters of animal products are urged to work very closely with Egyptian importers, as well as checking the FSIS Export Library frequently for the latest updates – these requirements are subject to change and are strictly scrutinized by customs authorities.

In addition to the Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS 9060-5) a letterhead certificate must accompany the shipment. For beef and beef products the accompanying letterhead must attest that:

1. Foot and mouth disease and rinderpest have not occurred in the U.S. during the previous 12 months.
2. The product was derived from animals born in the United States or from animals legally imported.
3. The United States is recognized by the OIE as a negligible BSE risk country.
4. The product was not derived from animals that were slaughtered in an official disease eradication program.
5. The product does not contain and is not contaminated with specified risk materials as defined by the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service in U.S. regulations 9 CFR 310.22(a).
Whole frozen poultry, leg quarters, drumsticks, and thighs. In addition to FSIS 9060-5, obtain a letterhead certificate with the following statements:

1. The poultry meat is derived from birds that were not under official quarantine for serious epizootic diseases affecting poultry including HPNAI, as defined by the OIE.
2. The meat is obtained from poultry found to be free of any clinical signs of systemic infectious or contagious diseases to which the species is susceptible as determined by ante- and post mortem inspection.
3. The poultry meat was handled under hygienic conditions under Federal veterinary inspection and has not been treated with and does not contain any preservatives, coloring matter, hormones or other substances harmful to human health.
4. The poultry meat is wholesome and fit for human consumption.
5. The means of transport, handling and loading conditions meet the hygienic requirements of the United States.

Specific packaging, labeling, and shipping requirements exist for meat, poultry, and products. Those requirements are explained in detail in the GAIN FAIRS Exporter Guide and on the FSIS Export Library.

Halal slaughter certification is required for export to Egypt. Halal certificates are issued by the Muslim associations in the country of origin certifying that the shipment of meat beef, muttons, poultry, and their derivatives have been slaughtered according to Islamic rites, sharia laws, and requirements, in the presence of its authorized representatives and direct coordination of its general supervisor. It should state that all adequate precautions were taken to prevent its contamination with non-halal and alcoholic products, and accordingly, the meat is halal and suitable for consumption by Muslims in any part of the world. The Halal certificate must be endorsed by the Arabian-American Chamber of Commerce or by an Egyptian Consulate and must accompany all shipments.

**Fish and Fish Products**
Export certificates accompanying fish and fish products must attest to the fishing method, potential level of contamination, as well as dates of fishing, packaging and freezing. Attestations must indicate that the fish and their products were not harvested through the use of explosives. Similarly, they certificates must confirm that the fish were not caught in areas contaminated by radiation, fertilizers, or pesticides. Dates of fishing, packaging and freezing (below -18C) must be indicated on accompanying documents.

**SECTION IV: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Original certificate must accompany shipment at time of entry.
- Certificates are used for only the accompanying shipment since it carries the details of the shipment.
- Modification to any certificate is not permitted once issued and shipped with the accompanying the product.
### SECTION V: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

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<td>All Products</td>
<td><strong>Commercial Invoice</strong> Must include country of origin, applicable HS codes, number of units, price per unit, and total value for customs valuation.</td>
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<td>• Bill of Lading</td>
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<td>• Packing List Must list specific products and batches per container. Weight certificates may be used for bulk commodities.</td>
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<td>• Batch Number Certificate Certain chemicals / food additives will require that batch numbers be tracked for added traceability.</td>
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<td>• Certificate of Insurance In the case of discrepancies, Egyptian officials may request product details as listed to insurers of those goods.</td>
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<td>Food Additives</td>
<td>• Registration Requirement Must be pre-registered with the Egyptian Ministry of Health prior to shipment.</td>
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<td>Grain and Oilseeds</td>
<td>• Certificate of Fumigation Certification of fumigation must be provided. These services may be provided by the servicing firm or by FGIS.</td>
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<td>• Aflatoxin Analysis Aflatoxin rates may not exceed 2 ppm. Certification of testing in a public or private lab must be included.</td>
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<td>• Crop Year Documentation must list the crop year applicable to the shipment.</td>
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<td>Vegetable Oil</td>
<td>• FOSFA International Regulation Certificate Evidence must be provided that the loading vessel conforms to FOSFA international regulations.</td>
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<td>• Exporter statement noting specification of oil/fat Chemical specifications must be provided for any new or atypical oils.</td>
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<td>Meat, Poultry, and Products</td>
<td>• Packaging Requirement Egyptian regulations require that products be packed in sealed plastic bags/cartons, with labeling inside of packaging. See the FSIS Export Library for other requirements. Exporters of meat and poultry are strongly encouraged to work closely with Egyptian importers, as import regulations are subject to change.</td>
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<td>• Freezing Certificate Documentation must be provided demonstrating that the products were stored and shipped at -18 degrees centigrade.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>• Production Date Paperwork and/or label must indicate the production date for computation of expiry date.</td>
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<td>Dairy Products</td>
<td>• Dioxin Analysis Products must be tested for dioxins.</td>
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<td>• Certificate of Analysis Analysis demonstrating fat, moisture, plate count, antibiotic presence, and potential pathogen presence must be included.</td>
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<td>Margarine</td>
<td>• Manufacturer Declaration A certificate indicating the type of oil used in the product must be included.</td>
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Planting Seeds

- Seed Analysis Certificate

Note that prior approval is required from the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture prior to the importation of any seeds for planting. Exporters are strongly encouraged to work closely with importers and Egyptian officials prior to shipping these products.

Additives

Exporters of food additives should note that pre-registration with the Egyptian Ministry of Health is required prior to shipment. Batch numbers must be included on packaging and packing lists for added traceability. Additionally, documentation accompanying food additives must describe products using both their scientific and common names. Exporters of these products are urged to work closely with the Egyptian Ministry of Health and local importers.

Bio-fortified Foods

Exporters of bio-fortified foods should note that these products require pre-registration with the Egyptian Ministry of Health prior to shipment. Exporters of these products are urged to work closely with the Egyptian Ministry of Health and local importers.

Canned Foods

Exporters of canned foods are advised to include batch numbers in packing lists and packaging as possible. Egyptian authorities depend on batch numbers for traceability in case of a rejected shipment, or recalled products. Failure to include these numbers may delay customs clearance.

Planting Seeds

Prior approval is required from the Central Administration of Seed certification and Testing (CASC) of the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture prior to the importation of any seeds for planting. Once an approval is granted the Central Administration for plant quarantine (CAPQ) issues a seed import license. Firms wishing to export seeds for planting will be required to provide international seed testing certificate or a testing certificate issued from an official inspection station abroad including the variety, the degree of purity and the germination percentage prior to applying for an import permit from the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture.

Upon issuance of an import permit, the subsequent shipments must be accompanied by the Egyptian import permit, the US seed testing certificate, and the applicable phytosanitary certificate. As the requirements for import of these products is complex and time-consuming, exporters are urged work with Egyptian importers and Ministry of Agriculture officials well prior to shipping.

Oils – Atypical

Oils considered non-standard must be accompanied by a certificate of analysis describing their chemical composition. Non-standard oils are not clearly defined, but generally considered to be blended or essential oils, not typically shipped for human consumption. Exporters of these products are urged to work with Egyptian importers to ensure compliance with customs regulations.
APPENDIX I: EXAMPLE CERTIFICATES

OFFICIAL EXPORT GRAIN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

PORTLAND, OREGON

I certify that I am licensed or authorized under the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.), to inspect the kind of grain covered by this certificate.

QUANTITY (This is NOT a Weight Certificate) 32,388,250 Pounds

LOCATION

Terminal 1 Elevator

CERTIFICATION OF CARRIER

M/V OCEAN VOYAGER

GRADE AND KIND

in accordance with the Official United States Standards for Grain

U.S. No. 2 or better Hard Red Winter wheat, Dockage 0.7%

Test weight per bushel 62.5 lbs., Moisture 9.5%, Heat-damaged kernels 0.0%, Damaged kernels (total) 0.0%, Foreign material 0.6%, Shrunk and broken kernels 1.4%, Defects (total) 2.6%, Contrasting classes 0.3%, Wheat of other classes 9.6%

STORAGE

Holds Nos. 1, 3, and 6.

REMARKS

Protein 12.0%, 12.0% moisture basis.

APPEAL NO. (If applicable): 0

APPLICANT: Maritime International

NAME AND SIGNATURE: John Lingo

This certificate is issued under the authorities of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.), and the regulations thereunder (CFR 800.3 et seq.). It is issued to show the kind, class, grade, quality, condition, or quantity of grain or the condition of a carrier or container for the storage or transportation of grain, or other facts relating to grain as determined by official personnel. The statements on the certificate are considered true at the time and place the inspection or the weighing service was performed. The certificate shall not be considered representative of the lot of grain transferred or otherwise treated from the identified carrier or container or if grain or other material is added or removed from the total lot. If the certificate is not accompanied by a sampling certificate, it is renewable by all officials and all courts of the United States on proof of evidence of the facts stated therein. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or other Federal law.

WARNING: Any person who shall knowingly falsify, make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such actions, or otherwise violate provisions in the U.S. Grain Standards Act, the U.S. Warehouse Act, or related Federal laws, is subject to criminal, civil, and administrative penalties.

The conduct of all services and the licensing of inspecting/grading/sampling personnel under the regulations governing such services shall be accomplished without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicap.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL STOWAGE EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE

ISSUED AT: Portland, Oregon  DATE OF SERVICE: 4/21/XX

I certify that on the above date the following certified service was performed with the following results:

CERTIFICATION OF CARRIER

W/V OCEAN VOYAGER  Portland at anchor

STOWAGE AREA EXAMINED

Hold Nos. 1, 3, and 5

RESULTS

☑ Storage area examined the above date and found to be substantially clean, dry, free of insect infestation, and suitable for storage of corn grain or commodity.

☑ Storage area examined the above date and found not suitable due to grain spoilage or otherwise (see remarks forreason).

REMARKS

APPLICANT: Maritime International, Ltd.  INSPECTOR: Jerry Marsh

This certificate is issued under the authority of the United States Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.), and the regulations thereunder (7 CFR parts 320, 321, or the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1101a et seq.), and regulations thereunder (7 CFR parts 70, 71, or the Grains Standards Act of 1941, as amended (7 U.S.C. 351 et seq.), and regulations thereunder (7 CFR parts 70, 71). It is required to show the name of the carrier or container for the storage or transportation of grain or commodity. The statements on the certificate are considered true at the time and place the inspection service was performed. If the certificate is not signed by an inspecting officer or is recoverable by any officer and all courts of the United States or prime judicial evidence of the facts stated therein. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, or other Federal law.

MARKETING: Any person who shall knowingly falsify, alter, enter, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such action, or otherwise violate provisions of the United States Standards Act, the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or related Federal laws, is subject to criminal, civil, and administrative penalties. The violation of any terms and conditions of this certificate may result in criminal or administrative penalties.

The standard of excellence and services of the Federal Grain Inspection Service are not to be accomplished without dedication to the highest ethical standards in order to serve the public interest.

Original inspection performed by:  Jerry Marsh
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This certificate is issued under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 810 et seq.), and the regulations thereunder (7 CFR, 90.00 et seq.). It is issued to show the kind, grade, quality condition, or quantity of grain, or the condition of a sample or standard for the storage or transportation of grain or other grains affecting its grade or quality. The statements on the certificate are considered true at the time and date the inspection of the grain was performed. The certificate shall not be considered alterable or the holder of the certificate is prohibited from altering or amending the certificate. The certificate is issued for the purpose of assisting in the determination of the quality and quantity of grain stored or transported.

This certificate is not transferable to another owner or holder. The owner or holder of the certificate is subject to the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, or other Federal laws.

WARNING: Any person who shall knowingly falsify or alter, fill in, alter, or destroy this certificate, or participate in any such act, is guilty of a misdemeanor under the United States Penal Code, and is subject to criminal, civil, and administrative penalties.

The person in charge shall make a statement on the certificate that the grain has been inspected and found to be in accordance with the regulations governing such services.
No phytosanitary certificate can be issued until an application is completed (7 CFR 353).

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF

SAMPLE

FPC XXXXXXX

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

PLACE OF ISSUE

No.

DATE INSPECTED

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party, and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.

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| 9. NAME OF PRODUCE AND QUANTITY DECLARED | 10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS |
| SAMPLE | SAMPLE |

| 11. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES | 12. DISTINGUISHING MARKS |
| SAMPLE | SAMPLE |

| 13. PLACE OF ORIGIN | 14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE |
| SAMPLE | SAMPLE |

| 15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY |
| SAMPLE |

WARNING: Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this phytosanitary certificate is subject to civil penalties of up to $250,000 (7 U.S.C. Section 7734(b)) or punishable by a fine of not more than $10,000. or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. Section 1091).

SAMPLE

ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

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16. DATE ISSUED | 17. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER, Type or Print | 18. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER |

No liability shall attach to the United States Department of Agriculture or to any officer or representative of the Department with respect to this certificate.

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Example of label:

Lot no.: XXXXX
Julian Date: XXXXX
Plant -000ABC
Company Name: Example Meats
Pack Date: DD/MM/YYYY
Slaughter Date: DD/MM/YYYY to DD/MM/YYYY
Slaughter Establishment
0001BCD 0002CDE 0003DEF
0004EFG 0005FGH 0006GHI
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORTS

Country of Origin: USA
Certification Authority: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service
Reference Number of this Certificate: CertNo

I. Exporter (Name and Address)
   [ExportName]
   [ExportAddr]
   [ExportCity]

II. Identification of the Dairy Products (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)
   Product Description: [Description]
   Condition or Kind of Treatment: [Condition]
   Type of Packaging: [PackType]
   Number of Packages: [NumPkg]
   Total Net Weight: [NetWt]
   Required Temperature Storage and Transportation: [ReqTemp]
   Validity Date (Shelf Life): [ShelfLife]

III. Origin of the Products (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)
   [OriginName]
   [OriginCity]
   Plant Number: [OriginNo]

IV. Product Destination: (Information Supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)
   Origin: [DestName]
   [DestAddr]
   Destination: [Destination]
   Method of Transport: [Transport]

V. Sanitary Certification
   (1) The United States of America is free from Foot & Mouth Disease and Rinderpest
   (2) The product was manufactured in facilities inspected and approved by the competent authority and
       subjected to regular audits or inspections aimed at ensuring that the processing is properly and
       hygienically carried out, to produce a product that is fit for human consumption.
   (3) The product was manufactured from milk or milk products that received a pasteurization treatment or
       adequate safeguards have been taken with the aim of avoiding public health hazards arising from
       pathogenic organisms associated with milk.
   (4) To the best of our knowledge, the product contains no harmful levels of contaminants.

   [Date]
   Date Signed

[Name]
[Title]
USDA, Dairy Grading
Appendix II: Links

U.S. Certificate issuers:

USDA – Agricultural Marketing Service: Dairy Sanitary Certificate
USDA – Food Safety Inspection Service: Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness
USDA – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Phytosanitary Certificate
USDA – Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration: Export Information (Grain inspection, stowage, and analysis certification)
FDA – Food Export Certificate (Certificate of Free Sale)

Egyptian Agencies:

Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation
Ministry of Trade and Industry
General Organization for Import and Export Control
Ministry of Health

[1] Export certificates are issued by a number of US agencies, depending on product. Please see agency links in Appendix 1 for details on obtaining certificates; FDA – Processed Products; AMS – Dairy Products; FGIS – Grains and Oilseeds; FSIS – Meat and Poultry; NOAA – Fish and Seafood Products.

[2] Note that any processed products containing meat or poultry must meet the same requirements listed under Meat, Poultry, and Products.