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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

This report updates information on export certificates issued by US government agencies, to comply with Mexican import standards and regulations or to attest that the corresponding agricultural products are subject to U.S. regulation. Small changes and comments have been added to egg product certification in sections I, II and III to reflect Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) new information. In addition, small changes were also made to plant product certification to reflect Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) new information. USDA agencies and Mexican officials continue to discuss how to fully implement electronic certificates.

Executive Summary:

This document was prepared by the Agricultural Trade Office of the Foreign Agricultural Service in Monterrey, Mexico. The purpose of this document is to provide U.S. exporters with updated information on current certificates issued by government agencies of the United States, required by Mexican authorities, in order to export agricultural products and food into Mexico. Although no significant changes to certificate requirements have been made since Post's 2014 FAIRS Certificate report, sections I, II and III were updated to reflect Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) comments and recent information regarding egg products certification. While every possible measure was taken in the preparation of this report, policies may have changed since this report was finalized. Clear and consistent information about these policies may not have been available at the time of report preparation. Therefore, it is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their customers in Mexico, 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 MEXICAN BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.**

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

Product	Title of Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
All products	NAFTA Certificate of Origin	Product Origin/Preferential Tariff Treatment	Secretariat of the Treasury and Public Credit (SHCP)/Aduanas (Customs)
Meat and Poultry Products	FSIS Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and Related Letterhead Certificates	Animal Health/Food Safety/Free Sale Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Animal Casings	FSIS Animal Casings Export Certificate	Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Egg Products regulated by FSIS (liquid, frozen, or dried eggs, with or without added ingredients)	FSIS Egg Products Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and Related Letterhead Certificate	Animal Health/Food Safety/Free Sale Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Animal Products for Human Consumption (e.g., Dairy, Gelatin, Food Preparations Containing Less than 2 percent meat ingredients)	Export Certificate for Animal Products	Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Animal Feeds/Foods and Animal-origin items for manufacturing (e.g., animal fats; feed additives; balanced pet foods; etc. containing animal inputs)	APHIS Export Certificate for Animal Products (Animal Feeds, Foods, and Products for Industrial Use) **Note: Feeds with no animal content do not require an APHIS certificate	Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Table Eggs, Pasteurized Eggs, and Eggs for Industrial Use	AMS Shell Egg Certificate and Disease Free Statement	Grading and Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Hatching Eggs	APHIS Hatching Eggs Protocol and Health Certificate	Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Live Animals and Germplasm (e.g., Breeding Cattle; Horses for Slaughter; Swine, Sheep, and Goat Semen)	APHIS International Health Certificate	Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Fish and Processed Fish Products	Export Health Certificate and Certificate of Origin (NOAA / National Marine Fisheries Service)	Health Certificate	Federal Commission for the Protection Against Sanitary Risk (COFEPRIS) / Secretariat of Health
Crustaceans: Lobster, King Crab,	Export Health Certificate and	Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture

Crayfish, Shrimp (Frozen, Chilled, or Raw)	Certificate of Origin (NOAA / National Marine Fisheries Service)		(SAGARPA)
Wood products and processed wood products	APHIS Phytosanitary Certificate-Plant Protection and Quarantine	Health Certificate	Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT)
Plant and plant products – fruits and vegetables	APHIS Phytosanitary Certificate-Plant Protection and Quarantine	Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Seeds for Planting	APHIS Phytosanitary Certificate-Plant Protection and Quarantine	Health Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Egg and Egg Food Products	Food Preparations as it pertains to Egg Products (AMS)	Sanitation Certificate	Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)
Grocery Food Items, Frozen Foods Processed products:	Certificate of Free Sale *HTS defines type of document required For example canned beans with meat containing meat require USDA certificate Certificate of Health or Sanitation and/or Certificate of Free Sale. Note: For some products a quality control certificate issued by the manufacturer is accepted *HTS defines the required documentation	Health certificate	COFEPRIS- Federal Commission for Protection Against Sanitary Risks of the Secretariat of Health (SSA). Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA)

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Certificate of Origin

This is a trilaterally agreed upon form used by Canada, the United States, and Mexico to certify that goods qualify for the preferential tariff treatment accorded by NAFTA. The Certificate of Origin must be completed by the exporter and is required by the Mexican Treasury Secretariat's Customs offices. This document certifies that the listed products originated in the territory of the exporting company and comply with the origin requirements specified for those goods. A sample is available on the U.S. government export portal: http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/aes/exporttraining/videos/nafta_cert_of_origin.pdf

Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

The Meat and Poultry Export Certificate is issued by the Field Operations Staff of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA. This document certifies that the meat products included in the shipment are from animals that received both *ante mortem* and *postmortem* inspection and were found sound and healthy. In the case of poultry and poultry products, this document certifies that the birds were officially inspected and are wholesome and fit for human consumption. This document is issued to the exporter and also includes the general data of the consignee. Other data included in the form are the district office, country of destination, folio number, plant number and city, type of facility, total marked net weight, total containers, and products as labeled with their individual market weight, number of packages and plant number. The slaughter date, packing date, and lot number are included in the remarks section of the certificate. The name of the species on the product description line is also required (for example, hot dogs, beef, pork, or turkey). There are various sanitary statements required in the remarks section, as well.

The complete volume of required attestations are listed in the Mexican Import Requirement Sheet or Hoja de Requisitos Zoosanitarios (HRZs) for any given product. The reader should be aware that FSIS is periodically modifying the Letterhead Certificates for certain poultry, beef, pork, sheep and goat and multiple species products and their derivative products (e.g. offals and edible tallows) in order to comply with SENASICA's Import and Export General Directorate new dispositions. These Letterhead Certificates have been posted on USDA's [FSIS Export Library- Requirements by Country](#) and the Spanish requirements are posted on SENASICA's website under the [Modulo de Consulta de Requisitos Zoosanitarios para la Importacion](#) (MCRZI).

Animal Casings Export Certificate

The FSIS issued animal casings health certificate certifies that the animal casings were derived from animals that received USDA ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter and that the casings are sound, healthful, wholesome, and otherwise fit for human food as required by the Mexican Zoosanitary Health Requirements sheet (known as HRZ in Spanish) issued by SENASICA. In addition to this form which is known as FSIS Form 9060-7, an FSIS issued Letterhead Certificate for Pork Casings is required to accompany shipments ([see Documentation Requirements section D. Pork Products numeral 8](#)). This Letterhead Certificate attests among other things that the United States is a country free of classical swine fever (hog cholera).

Egg Products Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

The Egg Products Export Certificate is issued by the Field Operations Staff of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA. This document certifies that the egg products specified on the form have been inspected and passed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption. This document is issued to the exporter and also includes the general data of the consignee. Other data included in the form are the district office, country of destination, folio number, plant number and city, type of facility, total marked net weight, total containers, and products as labeled with their individual market weight, number of packages and plant number. Additional certification statements, as required by the Mexican Zoosanitary Health Requirements sheet (known as HRZ in Spanish) for these products are posted on the FSIS Export Library – Requirements for Exporting Processed Egg Products.

Export Certificate for Animal Products (Human Consumption and Animal Feed/Food)

International health certificates for the export of animal products for human consumption as well as for animal feed and certain industrial products containing animal components are issued by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). These certificates are completed by an accredited veterinarian on VS Form 16-4 and, if necessary, VS Form 16-4A, with the appropriate and required attestations for food safety and animal health. Complete and signed international health certificates must be endorsed by a USDA/APHIS Veterinary Services area office in order to be valid.

For more information on Mexican SENASICA regulations for animal products for human consumption, visit APHIS website for [International Animal Product Export Requirements](#). From that site, interested participants can view the requirements for: Complements, supplements, additives, and flavorings (bovine and porcine gelatin and blood ingredients) for human consumption; Food preparations with less than 2 percent meat ingredients for human consumption; Gelatin and collagen: Hydrolized bovine bone-derived gelatins for human consumption; Gelatin and collagen: Hydrolized proteins (bovine skin-derived gelatin and collagen) for human consumption; and Milk and dairy: Milk and/or Dairy Products

(Bovine Origin) for Human Consumption. In addition, from that site, interested participants can view the requirements for: Animal fats for animal feeding or industrial uses; Animal feeds and food: Balanced animal feeds (not including dogs and cats); Animal feeds and food: Balanced feeds containing porcine and poultry ingredients and intended for aquatic species; Animal feeds and food: Balanced pet foods for dogs and cats; Animal feeds and food: Pet Treats and Similar Products Not Containing Animal Product Ingredients; Animal origin hormones for animal use or manufacturing; Blood and Blood Products for Diagnostics and Research, including Fetal Bovine Serum; Bovine and porcine blood products for animal feeding; Complements, supplements, additives and flavorings (bovine and porcine gelatin and blood ingredients) for human consumption; Feathers; Feed Additives with Aquatic Animal Ingredients for Animal Feeding;

Hides and skins: Cervid Hides and Skins for manufacturing; Hides and skins: Limed bovine hides and skins for manufacturing or animal feeding; Hides and skins: Salted Bison/Bovine Hides and Skins for Manufacturing Purposes; Hides and skins: Salted Ostrich Hides and Skins for Manufacturing Purposes; Hides and skins: Salted Porcine Hides and Skins for Manufacturing Purposes; Hides and skins: Salted Rawhide for Manufacturing Purposes; Hides and skins: Salted Sheep and Goat Pelts and Skins; Dairy products for animal feeding; Pig bristles; Porcine pancreatin; Processed Egg Products for Animal Feeding; Rendered Meals;

Rendered Meals: Porcine and/or poultry meals also containing fish meals; Swine offal (meat, offal, viscera, and pastes) for pet food manufacturing; and Trophy materials (unfinished).

Shell Egg Grading Certificate

Shell eggs (fresh and pasteurized) exported to Mexico must be accompanied with signed affidavit issued by an accredited veterinarian that the source flocks show no evidence of communicable avian diseases. This can be done on the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Certificate Disease Free Statement and on the AMS Form PY210S Shell Egg Grading Certificate as required by SENASICA. For information on the required attestations, visit the AMS website for [Export Requirements for Mexico](#).

Hatching Eggs Protocol and Health Certificate

For the importation of hatching eggs into Mexico, SENASICA requires a health certificate attesting to the health and origin, including sampling and testing procedures specified in the voluntary National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). This certificate is issued by APHIS. For more information, visit the APHIS [International Animal Export Regulations](#) website and the specific language in the [Hatching Eggs Protocol](#).

Health Certificates for Live Animals and Germplasm

Mexican import regulations for live animals and germplasm stipulate that a health certificate must be presented to SAGARPA SENASICA officials at port of entry. APHIS issues international health certificates for the export of animals from the United States. These are completed by an accredited veterinarian who certifies herd and animal health status, conducts tests, and records test results for the individual animals being exported. Complete and signed international health certificates for the export of animals from the United States must be endorsed by a Veterinary Services area office in order to be valid. For more information on U.S.-Mexico live animal protocols and Mexico's import regulations, please see the [International Animal Export Regulations](#) website. From that site, interested participants can view the requirements for: Breeding Cattle – Protocol and Health Certificate; Rodeo Bulls on Temporary Exportation from the United States; Bovine Semen Health Certificate; Bovine Embryos/Oocytes Health Certificate; Horses for temporary entry (sport, exhibition, transit); Horses for

permanent entry; Horses returning to Mexico after temporary entry to the United States; Horses (slaughter); Birds Protocol and Health Certificate; Adult Gallinaceous Birds – protocol and health certificate; Wild Birds for Breeding and Exhibition; Sheep and Goats (Slaughter) – Protocol and Health Certificate; Caprine semen; Ovine semen; Swine semen Protocol and Health Certificate; Swine slaughter Protocol and Health Certificate; Swine breeding Protocol and Health Certificate. In addition to the above mentioned Protocols and certificates, there are also certificates for pets (dogs, cats, ferrets, birds, and aquatic species) along with other animals (including zoo animals).

Export Health Certificate and Certificate of Origin (NOAA)

Mexico's import regulations for seafood products require that exporters present an export certificate attesting to health and origin of the product. This certificate is issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). NOAA's Seafood Inspection Program offers export certification to facilitate trade of seafood products that meet the requirements of the importing country. NOAA certifies that the products presented for inspection are from the United States, comply with U.S. regulations, and are wholesome. At present SAGARPA regulates the import of crustaceans such as lobsters, crabs, crayfish and shrimps. Other seafood products, including processed products, have to comply with import regulations established by COFEPRIS. Importers should consult the HTS to verify specific regulations. For additional information on the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program and NOAA certificates visit the following links:

http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/Export_Certification.html

http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/EU_Certificates.html

For detailed requirements and COFEPRIS import regulations see: <http://www.cofepris.gob.mx>

Phytosanitary Certificate-Plant Protection and Quarantine-PPQ

Mexican import regulations for plants, seeds for planting and unprocessed plant products stipulate that a health certificate must be presented to SAGARPA SENASICA officials at port of entry. This certificate is available through APHIS. The phytosanitary certificate is issued by the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) office to the exporter. This document certifies that plants or plant products, including propagation material, seeds for planting, wood and processed wood products, have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate procedures, and are considered to be free from quarantine pests, and conform to the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing country. For more information, visit the following links:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/export_certificates_forms.shtml

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/index.shtml

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/faqs.shtml

Egg Food Products Sanitation Certificate

Mexico requires a zoosanitary certificate for food products containing eggs or egg ingredients. For egg products and egg food preparations produced by a facility/plant audited by the Grading Services of AMS, AMS can provide export certification. Points 26-31 in Mexico's HRZ for Food Preparations for Human Consumption (098-13-241-USA-USA) refer to these products to be covered by AMS certificate. For egg food products produced by a facility that is not inspected by FSIS or audited by AMS, please refer the exporter to AMS for guidance on export certification. Questions about the certification of egg food products exporters should be referred to Will Stone, email

William.Stone@ams.usda.gov or telephone 202-720-3100.

Certificate of Free Sale / Certificate of Health or Sanitation for Processed Products

Mexico's Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risk (COFEPRIS) import regulations stipulate that the importer (or, Mexican customs broker) must present a certificate of health or sanitation in order to obtain an import permit or a previous import notification from COFEPRIS. This document is issued by several state and federal government agencies and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) certified laboratories. It assures the authorities of the importing country that the products comply with U.S. requirements and are sold freely in the market of the country of origin. Health certificates must be issued by a U.S. Federal or State government health office. To learn more about product specifications and corresponding Mexican import regulations, exporters should consult the specific Harmonized Tariff System. For more information regarding COFEPRIS import regulations and import permits visit: <http://www.cofepris.gob.mx>

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

Specific attestations required for the export of any food and agricultural products to Mexico from the United States can be referenced by visiting the appropriate certificates as mentioned in the section, above.

Meat and poultry products under FSIS authority can be found at the following USDA/FSIS website: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country/Mexico>

Egg products under FSIS authority can be found at the following USDA/FSIS website:

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/requirements-for-processed-egg-products/mexico-egg-products>

Information regarding the export of table eggs that are under an AMS program can be found at the following site:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=stelprdc5093460>

Information regarding the export of hatching eggs can be found at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_faq.shtml

Additional information on the regulations and Mexico's necessary assessments for the export of live animals and APHIS-regulated animal products can be obtained from the following APHIS websites:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_mexico.shtml

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/product_mexico.shtml

Additional information on how to obtain APHIS export certificates for plants and plant products can be obtained in the APHIS Export Program Manual at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/domestic/downloads/xpm.pdf

Note: The reader should take into consideration that FSIS and APHIS are transitioning to electronic export certification and thus formats and identification marks may vary from what is currently in use.

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

The document is not valid unless signed by an inspector of the USDA/FSIS Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, listing the name and the date. An original of the document is required and can be valid for multiple lots if the shipments enter at the same time at the port of entry.

Egg Product Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

The document is not valid unless signed by an inspector of the USDA/FSIS Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, listing the name and the date.

Phytosanitary Certificate-Plant Protection and Quarantine-PPQ

An original of this document is required by Mexican Customs and can be valid for multiple lots if the shipments enter at the same time at the port of entry.

APHIS Health Certificate for Animal Products

In order to be valid, this document must be signed by a USDA/APHIS Veterinary Services official. An original of the document has to accompany each shipment presented for inspection.

Certificate for Poultry or Hatching Eggs for Export

The original certificate must be presented upon arrival to the inspection point at port of entry.

International Health Certificate for Live Animals

An original of this document is required and must be completed and signed by a USDA/APHIS Veterinary DVM. This certificate is valid for multiple lots if the shipments arrive at the same time for inspection at the corresponding livestock export pen on the U.S. side of the border.

Certificate of Free Sale

On July 25, 2007, Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture posted revised requirements in the Federal Animal Health Law for certificates of free sale for certain animal feeds, including pet food. Currently, exporters are required to present an original certificate of free sale upon entry of the product. For some products, SAGARPA will accept an original affidavit letter from the manufacturer indicating that the product is freely sold in the United States. For other products, Mexico requires a certificate issued by state health offices. Supplier or manufacturer export declarations are not accepted as proof of compliance.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

For more information on food standards and regulations, please consult the most recent Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report for Mexico.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0581-0127. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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APHIS VS Form 16-4

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

**EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR
ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

SAMPLE

Port:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date:

SAMPLE

Certificate Number:

SAMPLE

This certificate is for veterinary purposes only. It is valid for 30 days after the date of signature (in the case of transport by ship or rail, the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage).

This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.

ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS

SAMPLE

SIGNATURE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL:

SAMPLE

TYPED NAME:

TITLE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL:

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE:

PRODUCT (type of product, quantity, unit of measure, and animal product species of origin):

IDENTIFICATION:

CONVEYANCE:

FSIS Form 9060-5

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FIELD OPERATIONS MEAT AND POULTRY EXPORT CERTIFICATE OF WHOLESOMENESS		A knowingly false entry or false alteration of any entry on this certificate may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both (18 USC 1001). Additional penalties exist under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 USC 611 (b) (1), (2), and (5), 21 USC 616) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 USC 458 (c) (1), (2), and (5), 21 USC 461) for an unauthorized or false alteration or misuse of this certificate.		
DISTRICT OFFICE		COUNTRY OF DESTINATION		
EXPORTED BY (Applicant's name and address including ZIP Code)		MPI - 064951		
CONSIGNED TO ^{1/} (Name and address including ZIP Code)		PRODUCT EXPORTED FROM:		
TOTAL MARKED NET WEIGHT		EST. / PLANT NUMBER (if applicable)		
TOTAL CONTAINERS		CITY		
		<input type="checkbox"/> @ SLAUGHTERING PLANT <input type="checkbox"/> @ PROCESSING PLANT <input type="checkbox"/> @ WAREHOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> @ DOCKSIDE		
PRODUCT AS LABELED	MARKED WEIGHT OF LOT ^{1/}	NUMBER OF PACKAGES IN LOT ^{1/}	SHIPPING MARKS ^{1/}	EST. / PLANT NUMBER ON PRODUCT
^{1/} As stated by applicant or contractor				
REMARKS				
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<input type="checkbox"/> I CERTIFY that the meat or meat food product specified hereon is from animals that received both antemortem and postmortem inspection and were found sound and healthy and that it has been inspected and passed as provided by law and regulations of the Department and is sound and wholesome.				
<input type="checkbox"/> I CERTIFY that the poultry and poultry products specified above came from birds that were officially given an antemortem and postmortem inspection and passed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption.				
NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY AN INSPECTOR OF MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAM				
By order of the Secretary of Agriculture		INSPECTOR AND DISTRICT	DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)	
This certificate is receivable in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.				

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FAS ATO Monterrey has expert advice for exporters, customs agents, freight forwarders and Mexican importers about correct documentation procedures, and logistics to successfully export to Mexico. ATO Monterrey can be reached at: ato.monterrey@fas.usda.gov

Useful Mexican Web Sites: The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) which regulates imports of forestry products including seeds and wood products can be found at: www.semarnat.gob.mx. Mexico's Agency for Environmental Protection (PROFEPA), which also inspects imported wood products, can be found at www.profepa.gob.mx. Mexico's Customs Agency (ADUANAS, can be found at: www.aduanas.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with, the information contained on the mentioned sites.