

Required Report - public distribution

Date: 9/3/2009

GAIN Report Number: NL9025

Netherlands

Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification

FAIRS Export Certificate Report

Approved By:

Steve Huete

Prepared By:

Bob Flach

Report Highlights:

This report lists the required export certificates for exports to the Netherlands, which are not EU harmonized. Export Certificate Matrix is included.

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

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry	Comments
Chondroitine-sulphate	CVED	-	-	VWA	A CVED for this product is not required in most other EU Member States.

Cochinille	CVED	-	-	VWA	A CVED for this product is not required in most other EU Member States.
Colostrum	Health Certificate	The declaration needs to correspond with the EC health certificate required for the import of heat treated milk for human consumption with the exception of: -11.1a sub VI regarding the cell count and the number of somatic cells -11.1c regarding the requirements for the heat treatment.	Health Certificate	VWA	The FDA and AMS are, however, not able to certify such a certificate for colostrum. Contact FAS The Hague for latest status.

CVED = Common Veterinary Entry Document VWA = The Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

The Netherlands, 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 (E49058) both produced by the US Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium.

Unfortunately for exporters, the EU's rules on certification for imports are complicated and are not always harmonized across Member States. This report lists the required export certificates for exports to the Netherlands, which are not yet harmonized.

Dutch Customs provides information on imports from which the Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA) selects the lots for further inspection. The VWA is part of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (www.minlnv.nl). Regulation 2004/882/EC sets out the standards for control of compliance with the General Food Law (2002/178/EC).

The Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA)

P.O. Box 19506

2500 CM The Hague, the Netherlands

Phone: +31-(0)70-4484848

Fax: +31-(0)70-4484747

www.vwa.nl

info@vwa.nl

Until January 1, 2007 the Plant Protection Service (PD) was responsible for inspection of crop imports into the Netherlands. As of January 1, 2007, the NAK (the Netherlands Inspection Service for Agriculture, www.nak.nl), NAK

Horticulture (the Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture), the BKD (Flower Bulb Inspection Service, www.bloembollenkeuringsdienst.nl), and the KCB (Quality Control Bureau for Vegetables and Fruits, www.kcb.nl) took over the inspection tasks of the PD. As of January 1, 2007, the PD will have the authority over the NAK, NAK Horticulture, the BKD and the KCB.

Related Reports from FAS offices in the EU:

Visit the USEU website: the website www.useu.be/agri/usda.html provides a broad range of useful information on EU import rules and food laws and allows easy access to USEU reports, trade information and other practical information. More information on certification can be found at <http://www.useu.be/agri/usda.html>.

Report Number	Title	Date Released
NL9020	Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report – The Netherlands	-
E49057	EU Certification Guide – Update	-
E49058	Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report – European Union	08/07/2009
These reports can be accessed through the FAS website: http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Pages/Default.aspx		

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

For conducting the identity check of the shipment, the Dutch VWA requires the seal number of the container to be on the health 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 health certificate, a physical check is necessary to verify the identity of the shipment.

Section IV. Government Certificate’s Legal Entry Requirements

See comment under Section II.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

See comment under Section II.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

[Certificate for Colostrum](#)

Author Defined:

DISCLAIMER: This report has been prepared by the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service in The Hague, the Netherlands for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care was taken in the preparation of this report, the information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies 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 Dutch customer (importer), who is 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.