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# **Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report**

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**Report Highlights:**

This report documents Angola's technical policies, practices, and import requirements for food and agricultural products. In the absence of a food safety law, Angola follows international CODEX standards.

**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 U.S. 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.**

## **SECTION I: GENERAL FOOD LAWS**

### **Regulatory Authorities**

Angolan food and agricultural import regulations and standards are developed and administered by two ministries: the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry 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**

<b>Division/Directorate</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Veterinary Services Department</b>	<p><b><u>Key responsibilities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulate policy and manage risks in the import and export of animals and animal products</li> <li>• Issue licenses to import animals and animal products</li> </ul>
<b>National Seeds Service (SENSE)</b>	<p><b><u>Key responsibilities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulate policy and manage risks in the import and export of seeds</li> <li>• Issue licenses to import seeds</li> </ul>
<b>National Directorate of Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry</b>	<p><b><u>Key responsibilities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulate policy and manage risks in the import and export of vegetable products (plants and their derivatives) for food, ornamentation, processing and / or propagation.</li> <li>• Issue licenses to import plants</li> </ul>
<b>Codex Office</b>	<p><b><u>Key responsibilities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Contact Point for the Codex Alimentarius National Commission along with the Ministry of Commerce</li> </ul>

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture

**Table 2: Ministry of Commerce**

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

**Source:** Ministry of Commerce

### **Food and agricultural regulations**

Animal Health Law n 04/04 establishes the general rules governing the production, sanitation, trafficking, import and export of animals, their products and by-products and veterinary public health throughout the national territory.

Decree n 70/08, which regulates the Animal Health Law, the veterinary law currently in effect in Angola. This decree is not available online; FAS Luanda can provide the law upon request. The government enacts new veterinary regulations periodically, which are NOT amended to the veterinary law but stand alone.

Regulation on the allowable shelf life for eggs: In April 2013 the Ministry of Agriculture's Institute of Veterinary Services (ISV) created a regulation banning the entry of eggs into Angola over 28 days old, from the day it was laid until entry into Angola.

Angola does not currently have a food safety law. A broad public health law, which addresses food safety among many other specific 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 Codex standards.

### **SECTION II: 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 Codex Alimentarius standards.

Contact: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15586/>

### **SECTION III: 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.

Contact: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/detail/en/c/15586/>

### **SECTION IV: PACKAGING AND CONTAINER REGULATIONS**

The Presidential Decree n 89/15 establish the norms that regulate the process of classification, packaging, transport and inspection of eggs, within the scope of the implementation of the hygienic-sanitary measures resulting from Animal Health Law n 4/04 and Decree n 70/08, which regulate the previous law.

This decree defines the classification, characterization, marking, packaging, labeling, transportation, inspection and sanction of eggs.

By the decree the eggs are classified as:

- (a) Class A or fresh eggs fit for direct human consumption;
- (b) Class B or second quality preserved chilled and intended for use in industry, unfit for direct human consumption;
- (c) Class C or hatching eggs, unfit for human consumption, intended for the non-food industry.

The physical characterizations are made for each egg class. On marking and labeling the eggs must have information as the decree describes specifically for each egg class A, B or C.

All packages of eggs must be shock-resistant and in good condition for storage and cleaning and are also characterized by package size. Eggs must be transported and stored in conditions that keep them clean, dry, and free of foreign odors and effectively preserved from shocks, weather and light.

ISV is the entity responsible for inspection and sanctioning non-compliance with this decree. This law is not available online; FAS Luanda can provide the law upon request.

#### **SECTION V: 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 expiration date – the remaining shelf life must be at least 25 percent of the total shelf life of the product at the time of importation
- Fat content
- Volume
- Import eligibility

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

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 VI: OTHER SPECIFIC STANDARDS**

**None.**

#### **SECTION VII: FACILITY AND PRODUCT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**None.**

## **SECTION VIII: OTHER CERTIFICATION AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

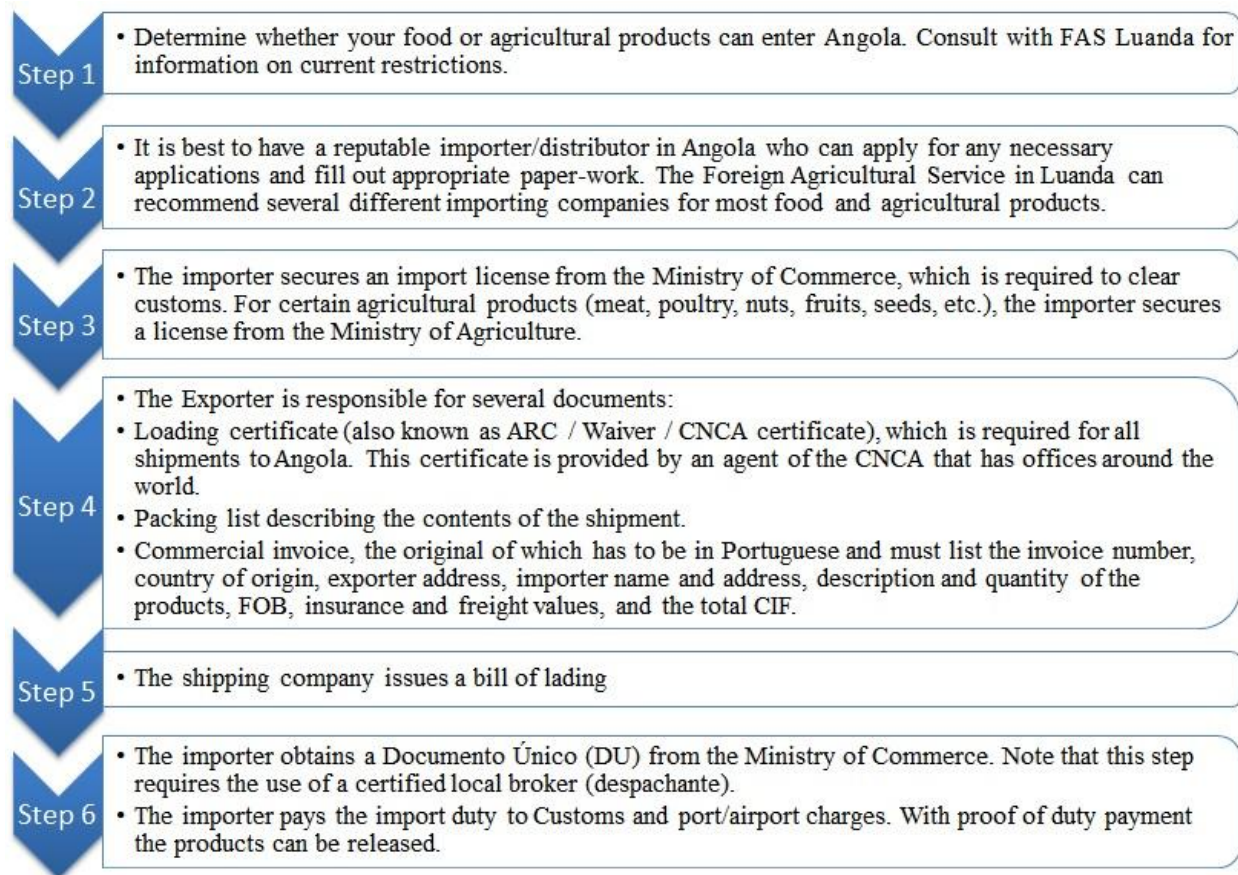
### **Sanitary and Phytosanitary testing**

Laboratory testing is regulated by Presidential Decree no. 140/16 of 2016 which states that all products intended for human consumption shall be subject to laboratory testing. The decree also creates a national network of laboratories for quality and control and defines the rules that have to be observed in terms of the coordination of the laboratories tasked with conducting the said testing. It also repeals all previous legislation that contradicts the provisions of this Law. This law is not available online; FAS Luanda can provide the law upon request.

<b>HS Code</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Analysis</b>	<b>Type of Analysis</b>	<b>Analysis Cost (AOA)</b>	<b>Total Cost (AOA)</b>
0803/0804/0805/0806/0807/0808/0809/0810/0811	1 - Fruits, fruit products and similar	Salmonella	MB	22.400	162.800
		Thermotolerant Coliform	MB	8.400	
		Molds	MB	14.000	
		Yeasts	MB	14.000	
		<b>Pesticide residues</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>64.000</b>	
		<b>Inorganic contaminants</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>40.000</b>	
0712/0713/0801/0802/0813/0814/1001/1002/1003/1004/1005/1006/1007/1008/1201/1202/1203/1204/1205/1206/1207/1208/1209/1210/1211/1212/1213/1214	4 - Other plant products, dried grains and cereals	Salmonella	MB	22.400	333.450
		Thermotolerant Coliform	MB	8.400	
		Staphylococcus coagulase positive	MB	14.000	
		Enterobacteriaceae	MB	11.200	
		<b>Pesticide residues</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>64.000</b>	
		<b>Mycotoxins</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>213.450</b>	
0201/0202/0203/0204/0205/0206/0207/0208/0209/0210/1501/1502/1503/1516	6 - Meat and meat products	Salmonella	MB	22.400	287.832
		Thermotolerant Coliform	MB	8.400	
		Staphylococcus coagulase positive	MB	14.000	
		<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	MB	44.800	
		Clostridium	MB	11.200	
		<b>Veterinary drug residues</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>63.000</b>	
		<b>Cloranfenicol</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>77.850</b>	
		<b>Inorganic contaminants</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>40.000</b>	
		<b>pH</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>6.182</b>	

Note: **HS** - Harmonized Item Description and Coding System; **MB** - Microbiological; **FC** - Physical-chemical

## **SECTION IX: IMPORT PROCEDURES**



The Central Bank of Angola issues a letter of credit (L/C) for any goods imported above 25,000.00 Euros the commercial bank in Angola issue a letter of credit (L/C), in order to control the amount of foreign currency within the country,. Any good imported under that amount can be paid for up front, with an annual limit of 300,000 Euros per importer.nt and any goods imported above 25,000.00 Euros the commercial bank in Angola issue a letter of credit (L/C).

**Angola tariff book 2018** (Pauta Aduaneira 2018.pdf) **LINK:**  
<http://www.agt.minfin.gov.ao/PortalAGT/#!/legislacao/aduaneira>

## **SECTION X: COPYRIGHT AND/OR TRADEMARK LAWS**

The Angolan Institute of Industrial Property (IAPI) is an indirect administrative body of the State under the umbrella of Ministry of Industry. The IAPI mission is to implement the government of Angola

policy in the field of Industrial Property efficiently and effectively, ensuring the protection of IP rights, while safeguarding fair competition.

The IAPI main services are:

- Patents for Inventions and Utility Models;
- Industrial Models and Designs;
- Brand;
- Insignia & Names of Establishments;
- Indications of Origin.

Industrial Property is regulated in the following laws:

- Constitution of the Republic of Angola: paragraph 4 of article 42;
- Civil Code: Article 1303;
- Law n 3/92, LPI;
- Law n 20/97, fee schedule for IP.

Industrial Property is also legislated by the following international treaties:

- Angola is a Member State of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), approved by Resolution n 9/84;
- Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property - Approved by Resolution n 22/05;
- Patent Cooperation Treaty - PCT - Approved by Resolution n 22/05;
- Member of the World Trade Organization-WTO, consequently of the TRIPs Agreement, by Accession on 23 November 1996.



## APPENDIX I: GOVERNMENT REGULATORY KEY AGENCY CONTACTS

### **Ministry of Agriculture**

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

### **Ministry of Commerce**

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

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